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Students at UBC receive counselling information from campus patrol officers after the lockdown of a building on campus Jan. 30.

Are we prepared?

Police ready to respond to a shooting but communication needs a boost

Rosemary Westwood and David Karp

In the wake of two violent threats and the lockdown of a UBC building on Jan. 30, police and UVic's emergency planner say campus emergency communications could benefit from an update.

UVic's response plan to a school shooting focuses mainly on administrative duties, with Saanich and Oak Bay police forces ensuring the safety of students. But mass communication falls on the shoulders of the university.

"Over the last year-and-a-half we've brought together a group of individuals to talk about communications — strictly communications in an emergency — and we have been looking at these mass notification systems," said UVic emergency planner Daphne Donaldson.

The group is reviewing and analyzing the UBC situation, in which administration chose not to use a newly-purchased text message notification system because it had not yet been tested. In emergencies, the system sends text messages to students who provide their cell phone numbers to the university, keeping them updated on what's happening.

"I think that's a brilliant idea, and it's something that I'm talking with a couple of our school districts about," said Saanich police Sgt. John Price. Price said it would have been handy at a lockdown incident at a local high school last year. "[Oak Bay High] got locked down because someone was seen carrying a gun into the school, and of course the phones lit up everywhere because all the kids in the school are phoning moms and dads.

"There certainly needs to be a communication mechanism in place to appease people and to calm people. In a high-stress situation, information is power in the sense that it's comforting to people, to parents and to kids to know that the police are coming."

But while UVic is looking at new systems that would provide e-mail, text message and voice mail communications, there is no timeline in place to make a purchase.

"We're not wanting to rush and buy something because of what happened last week," said Donaldson, adding that the university also doesn't want to drag its heels. UVic's current plan includes a toll-free emergency information line with a recorded message that provides details in case of an emergency. The plan also uses the UVic website to post emergency bulletins.

"Definitely it's of great concern to individuals on campus wanting to make sure we do have plans in place and that we are able to respond," Donaldson said.

The university has seen demonstrations of two mass communication systems that might be a good fit for UVic, Donaldson said. She added that managing and updating a system's contact information for students, faculty and employees when the community is always changes poses a huge challenge.

But those traditional systems of communication wouldn't reach the majority of students who are in a building when a shooting occurs, Price said.

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Model UN club to represent China

UVic beats out top Ivy League schools for highly sought-after opportunity

John McNeil

The UVic Model UN Club will be representing the People's Republic of China at the 2008 National Model United Nations conference in New York City.

The 26 UVic students will joining 5,000 fellow students from around the globe to simulate United Nations bodies and discuss key issues affecting the world. The National Model UN is the largest model UN conference in the world and is an annual trip taken by the UVic club. Members prepare to debate and discuss by educating themselves on the United Nations and the country the team is representing.

Representing the People's Republic of China is especially exciting for the UVic club. China is the most sought after and hardest delegation to represent, and UVic beat out several Ivy League schools for the opportunity to be the controversial and high-profile superpower.

"Representing China speaks volumes not only about the hardworking students in our delegation but also about the calibre and quality of education offered by UVic," said club ombudsperson Saskia Knight.

Knight said club members are intrigued by China's role in the global political economy, and the by the challenges it poses to liberal democratic countries interested in both maintaining a dynamic global market and in defending human rights.

"In this way, representing China at the National Model UN is particularly challenging because we are defending government policies that, as students here at UVic, many of us disagree with," said club president Aliez Kay.

And although the delegates will certainly have their work cut out for them, Kay said they are on their way to being prepared for April. They have regular club meetings where they go over UN rules of procedure and hold simulation committees.

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Saskia Knight (left) and Aliez Kay are representing China in the 2008 Model United Nations Conference in New York City.

Students to do work of diplomats

"Despite its many flaws, the UN as a global institution is intriguing to students of all disciplines," said Kay. "Most of us participate in Model UN not only to practice our skills as diplomats but to spend time considering the relevance of the UN as a whole."

On top of all of this, club members are out to raise $25,000 in order to attend the conference. This money used to be provided by the federal government before cutbacks three years ago.

"Participating in a Model UN Conference is to experience first hand not only the challenges of real diplomats, but also to challenge ourselves as students and global citizens in our patience and inherent assumptions and world views," Kay said.

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UVic emergency plan not specific to shootings

"How do you communicate with people in a school if there's an active shooter in there? What, if any, mechanism UVic has in place for that, I don't know," Price said.

"We would communicate via radio [and] via print," the police sergeant added. And most print media outlets now provide website updating, but that wouldn't get to a bunch of people on cellphones and Blackberries."

It's not just the approach to emergency communication that is changing — the police response is also evolving.

"Historically, you used to barricade, isolate and negotiate with somebody," said Price. "But certainly history would show that those don't happen the way they used to."

Price said that two years ago, every Greater Victoria police officer was trained to deal with the new types of threats.

"We recently acquired and purchased semi-automatic assault rifles as part of our deployment model," he said. "Our officers are trained in active shooting scenarios."

UVic Campus Security director Pete Zacour said his officers would let the police take the lead.

"In those kinds of situations, if they're dangerous, you don't put your people in danger because they're not armed," Zacour said. "But they would be there to help and to assist students to get away from a particular area if that were necessary. Hopefully, it never is."

While Saanich police have a specific plan to respond to a school shooting, UVic uses a one-plan-fits-all approach, which is applied to plumbing failures, earthquakes, flu pandemics, civil disorder and shootings — among other incidents.

"It's an all hazards plan," said Donaldson. "So you wouldn't see a specific piece on shootings or a specific piece on pandemic or a specific piece on fire."

She called imagining all possible risks and then developing individual plans an older method of emergency planning and said UVic's plan not only allows for adaptability, but compares closely with other agencies that would have to coordinate with campus in the event of an emergency. UVic's one-plan-fits-all emergency plan modelled on the province-wide B.C. Emergency Response Management System, which provides a common template for plans used by police, fire departments, municipalities and the provincial government.

"So you've got a structure and it can expand or contract as needed depending on the nature of the problem and the magnitude of the problem," said Donaldson.

In the case of a school shooting, she said police would take the lead, both in responding to the scene of the event and in directing evacuations. She said mass evacuation such as those used in the event of a fire could pose risks, and noted that during the UBC scare, police escorted students out of the building room by room.

While police will help administer evacuations or lockdowns, it's up to the university to determine what to do.

"The police never give an order to evacuate a building," Price said. "It's up to the owner-occupiers of the building — the school administrators."

The UVic Emergency Management Plans, which haven't been updated since March 2004, contain no mention of the word lockdown at all. Donaldson said a campus-wide lockdown would be a huge challenge, noting that UBC avoided that option last week.

"Is it possible [for lockdowns] to be done? Yes it is," said Zacour. "Do we have a plan, per se? No, but it would evolve depending on the circumstances."

The plan calls for media communication to be conducted out of the Centre for Innovative Teaching, which doesn't currently exist. The building was renamed the Harry Hickman Building in September 2004.

The university's emergency management website's instructions on responding to a "suspicious or violent situation" only instruct responders to "NOT confront a violent or potentially violent person ... [and] NOT touch or disturb a suspicious object. Call 9-1-1 ... [and] trust your instincts."

Price said there would be liability concerns associated with the university posting detailed instructions.

He added that Saanich police officers meet weekly with UVic Campus Security personnel to share information. "Some of their forms may be outdated, but there's a communication mechanism in place," he said.

False alarms shock UBC

Classes at UBC's Biological Sciences Building were cancelled on Feb. 6, after a second threat in a week was received on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The threat was less specific than the one received on Jan. 30, which caused the building to be locked down. RCMP officers walked through the building telling everyone to lock their doors and wait inside until a password was issued to indicate all was safe.

Up to 1,000 students and faculty remained stuck inside the building, many for more than three hours.

Police organizations throughout the Lower Mainland responded to this threat. The Major Crime Investigation unit, an Emergency Response Team, a canine unit and a helicopter were among the resources mobilized to secure the building.

The Emergency Response Team searched the building floor by floor, bringing occupants out throughout the afternoon.

UBC's administration responded by calling off classes in the biology building with an online press release. They urged students to stay away from the lockdown, and at one point recommended students stay of campus entirely.

The full extent of UBC's emergency warning systems were not used and classes in neighbouring buildings were not interrupted. Instead, the administration sent messages to senior staff and faculty and asked them to relay the warning to individual professors and staff.

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Local news staff CHEK out

Rosemary Westwood

A fiery e-mail distributed to local media outlets last week attacking job cuts at Victoria's CHEK News was not sent by the station's union, as was first believed. But some of the concerns raised in the e-mail are real, said Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union local 815 president Richard Konwick.

The e-mail highlighted plans by CanWest MediaWorks Inc., owner of CHEK, Global TV and four other stations across the country, to move production of newscasts from smaller local stations to regional production centres in Vancouver, Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary. The changes were announced in October and are set to take effect this fall.

"We're very disappointed that CanWest is taking the action it's taking," said Konwick. "There are people who have worked here for 30-plus years who are going to be losing their jobs."

As a result of the changes, Konwick said 15 full-time positions will be terminated at CHEK, including directors, technical directors, audio operations, studio camera operators and graphics operators, with possible part-time jobs lost as well. He said the e-mail's charge that "20 jobs are gone" is incorrect, a statement supported by CHEK news director Rob Germain.

"It's not that many positions," said Germain. "I can't give you an exact number because the layoff notices haven't gone out."

Germain said the plan will ensure "long-term sustainability and success" for CHEK News. A CanWest release cited modernization and "operational efficiencies" as the impetus for the changes.

"Right now much of our equipment is obsolete," said Germain. "We're moving to a fully digital environment and moving to HD [high-definition]."

He said TV stations compete with the Internet and companies such as Google for audiences.

As part of the changes, Victoria anchors will read the news before a digital "green screen" and be filmed by robotic cameras. Germain said CHEK's control room in Vancouver will offer the latest in high definition and digital technology, compared to the station's current use of tape for recording and editing.

JEFF THOMPSON PHOTO

CHEK is among other CanWest stations that face the impending outsourcing of local news production.

"We have to change. We have to modernize," said Germain. "I'm pleased to know [CanWest is] investing in a large amount of new equipment for our station."

The bigger concern is whether these changes will effect CHEK's ability to respond to breaking news such as a tsunami warning or earthquake, said Konwick. "Will this be able to respond in the same way we can now? We don't know," he said.

But Germain stressed that news-gathering at CHEK will not change. "Obviously there are people that are going to be affected. People in our production team are going to be affected by this change, and we're working to give those people opportunities," he said.

A CanWest media release stated that 200 positions nationally will be cut as a result of the plan, replaced by 50 new positions at the production centres.

"Change is difficult and that's understandable," said Germain. "We have to look at what's in the best interest of the long term in the news department."

In a tirade against CanWest that included whole passages in capital letters, the e-mail stated local news will be compromised.

Konwick said the jury is out on what effect the job losses will have, but that employees at CHEK are "sad" and "disappointed." The network of people working behind the scenes to create a news broadcast act like a team, he said. He called CanWest's move to split up operations "unprecedented."

"I don't think there are any examples anywhere where it's being done," he said. "They're severing the team."

With part of production outsourced to Burnaby, Konwick said the fallout is uncertain.

"Will some of the creativity be lost? Will there be quality issues? We don't know yet, but I suspect there will be because you're going to lose a lot of communication," he said.

Konwick, who also works as CHEK's assignment editor, said that remaining staff includes the news anchor, reporters, photographers, tape editors, producers and the assignment editor. But he added there's no guarantee those positions will be maintained in the future.

The changes come after CanWest consolidated the master controls for stations nationwide in 2004. Approximately 12 people at CHEK lost their jobs as a result.

What effects the changes might have on the quality of broadcasts is up for debate. If some local broadcasts will indeed be pre-recorded, as the e-mail charges, then CanWest will have some explaining to do to audiences, said a UBC prof and former BBC journalist.

"A lot of the devil will be in the detail," said Alfred Hermida, who added that consolidating production is not necessarily a bad thing for media conglomerates trying to compete for increasingly fragmented audiences, and in fact makes sense economically. "This is an expensive business and you're not going to repeat the investment in every single newsroom across the country — it's just not economically feasible."

But he said audiences assume that news broadcasts are live, and a pre-recorded segment could hurt a station's credibility.

Both Konwick and Germain agree that the outcome of the changes will only be known in time.

"I'm concerned about the way this is all going to work and whether it will work," said Konwick. "I guess we'll know a year from now whether it did work or not."

CORRECTIONS

The Martlet erroneously reported Jan. 31 that UVic undergrads pay roughly $130,000 per year to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). In fact, UVic undergrads pay roughly $130,000 per semester.

The Martlet provided an erroneous caption to a picture on Jan. 24. The picture of "Frances Doughtnut Extravaganza" from Hogtied at the Victoria Events Centre identified the artist in the picture as Lauren Mahon. In fact, the artist is Frances Mahon.

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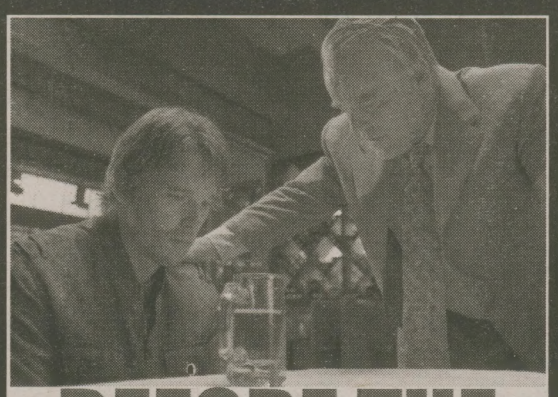

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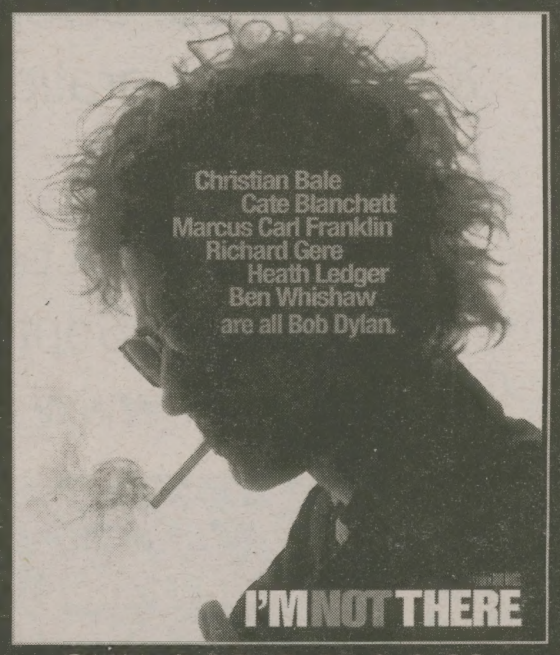

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Hydroelectric power not the answer

'Green' energy alternatives not well planned: panel

Charlotte Barrow

The B.C. government has been seeking alternative energy sources. Its solution? Privatized hydroelectricity.

So who gives a dam? We should, according to organizers of the National Action Day on Energy.

On Feb. 2, roughly 50 people watched a film and panel discussion on the recent flood of privatization in B.C.'s waterways. Hosted by the BC Creek Protection Society, the event was part of a Canada-wide tide of resistance to an alternative energy source that may not be so green.

Provincial sponsors included the Council of Canadians, COPE 378, the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Citizens for Public Power, the B.C. Federation of Labour and CUPE BC.

Concerns include environmental and economic viability and the privatization of public resources.

Jakub Drnec, one of the panel members, is director of the Creek Protection Society. He said the cumulative effect of hundreds of run-of-river projects will have negative implications for waterways and wildlife populations, especially salmon and grizzly bears.

"We are opposing this development because we think it's not well planned. The consequences may be huge," said Drnec.

Run-of-river hydroelectric power involves diverting running water into electricity-producing turbines. Since 2002, independent power producers have bought 128 contracts for B.C. streams and rivers.

Squamish kayaker Bryan Smith was jolted into action after the controversial damming of the Ashlu River by hydroelectricity company Ledcor. The damming occurred despite the opposition of community members, recreational river users and environmentalists. Local governments also opposed the project. His half-hour film, *49 Megawatts*, follows the transformation of the Ashlu area from a wilderness haven to a no-access wasteland.

The film's title comes from the cut-off number for projects to require environmental impact assessments; anything below 50 megawatts undergoes an expedited approval process. But smaller projects can still have huge environmental implications, the film said. No assessed project has yet been denied.

Take Back the Power campaign assistant and panel speaker Sage Aaron estimated the subsidized electricity projects would cost taxpayers $5-billion per year.

"We're paying hugely inflated costs for our energy," said Aaron. At $88 per megawatt hour, compared to BC Hydro's rate of $45, the private suppliers don't appear to offer the best deal. Yet on top of the current projects, 500 more run-of-river projects are under consideration in B.C.

If approved, the energy would likely not be needed or used in B.C.

"We have more than enough power within the current power grid to meet the needs at peak demand," said Malahat-Juan de Fuca NDP MLA John Horgan, the third panel member. Instead, the energy would be sold to the highest bidder, probably south of the border.

In the age of global warming, few dispute the need to seek alternatives to fossil-fuel energy. But Saturday's speakers were unanimous on the topic of run-of-river hydroelectricity.

"We are well down the road to privatizing B.C.'s energy resources," said Aaron, "but privatization is not the answer."

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Jakub Drnec, director of the Creek Protection Society, is against the proliferation of run-of-river projects in B.C.

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Career Fair protests go down peacefully

Protesters dressed as pirates compare American foreign policy to the plundering ways of swashbucklers

Spencer Anderson

There were a few shouts and cross words exchanged, but for the most part demonstrations against the military presence at the Career Fair on Jan. 30 were peaceful.

Just outside the Student Union Building's Michèle Pujol Room, the Canadian Forces information booth was surrounded both by protesters of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars as well as military supporters. Across the floor from the Canadian Forces booth were the Raging Grannies, an anti-war group of older ladies draped in black attire and wearing veils. "Join the military! Make George Bush rich!" they shouted.

The other protesters wore paper hats and colourful clothing, drawing on a pirate theme that some demonstrators said is directly relevant to the issues. Protesters circled the area, pushing makeshift props and anti-war literature.

"The pirate thing is a mirror to what the military is doing in their imperialist conquest in Iraq and Afghanistan," said protester Dylan Gale. "The conflict is not about peace keeping or aid, but for economic and strategic military reasons."

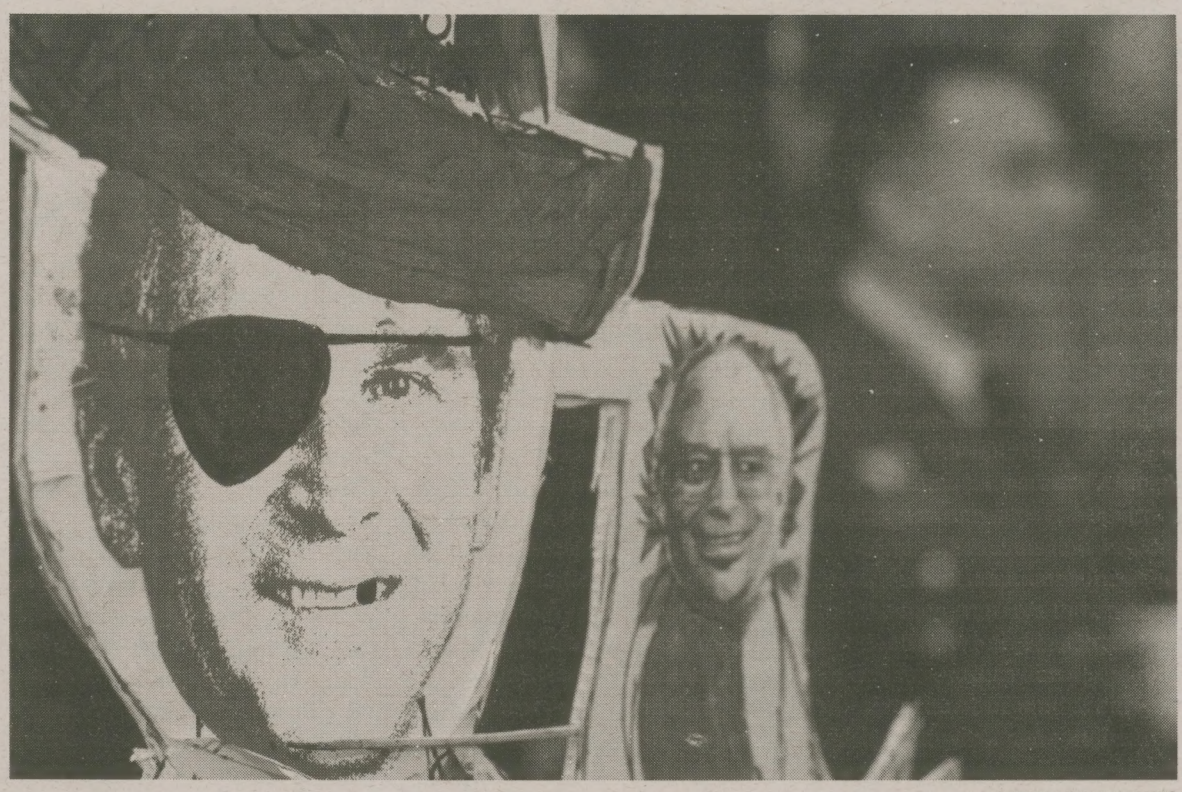
Although no one group organized the activists, most of the protesters were under a coalition of on- and off-campus organizations opposing war called the Justice Action Committee. Students Against War, the group that had initiated the ban on the Canadian Forces from participating in the Career Fair in October, was present. The ban was overturned at the UVic Students' Society's (UVSS) annual general meeting on Oct. 25.

Some protesters weren't affiliated with a group.

"I believe in the cause," said UVic student Kathleen O'Farrell. "Sixty per cent of the people in this country don't support the war, and the military still goes in and is involved with killing. I don't think it's very democratic."

Canadian Forces supporters criticized the anti-war activists for obstructing access to the military's booth.

"They're not being respectful," said Jon Fox. "They're blocking people from the booth. I think what the Raging Grannies did was fantastic. They were calm, and orderly and I walked up to them and thanked them for being so respectful, unlike the others."



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A likeness of George Bush, pirate style, accompanied the protestors' mock tank on Jan. 30.

UVSS chairperson Tracy Ho said the protest was carried out in an orderly, if spirited, fashion.

"We have security and police around if anything gets out of hand," she said. "But it doesn't look like things will get out of control.

"There are just a few students exercising their right to free speech," she added.

Petty Officer Randy Young, who was one of the Canadian Forces personnel manning the military booth, was disappointed by the protesters' presence.

"They have the right to protest," he said. "I just wish they weren't so rude."

The protesters also paraded around the CSIS booth in pirate garb and a cardboard tank.

Fee increase put to referendum

Extra $2.50 per full-time student would help clubs hold events on campus and around the city

Melanie Tromp

A resolution to increase student fees to pay for an academic activity fund for UVic course unions will be put to a referendum in this year's UVic Students' Society (UVSS) elections.

If the referendum passes, full-time students will be charged $2.50 in club and course union fees starting in September 2008, an increase of 50 cents. Part-time students would be charged a $0.25 increase. The extra funds would be earmarked for course union events.

The fund would be available up to once per semester to course unions hosting an event directly related to their field of study, either on campus or in Greater Victoria. The new account would subsidize up to 50 per cent of the cost of major events.

"It's basically an incentive [for course unions] to put on an event of an academic nature on campus or in Victoria," said Randy Neville, president of the History Undergraduate Society and a member of the UVSS course union council.

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Randy Neville, president of the History Undergraduate Society, is behind a new policy to provide more funds to clubs.

Neville drafted much of the policy on the activity fund's proposal after receiving encouragement from the UVSS executive last semester.

"The cost of events — even the cost of honorariums to get professors to speak at UVic — is huge. It takes a lot [of money] to get events off the ground," said Neville. "If a course union goes to a bunch of sources and fundraises and puts in the effort for finding resources, but is just a bit short on money, this fund will give the organizers a boost to get that event happening."

The activity fund would be administered by the course union council, which would vote on every submission for funding based on the course union's proposal, which includes a comprehensive event budget.

"We're also working on a policy for this new fund which is still in draft stages, but basically outlines that this [money] is for academic things like conferences, guest speakers, lecture series — not social events like pub crawls," said George Robinson, a course union council member.

The club and course union fee has not been increased since the early '90s, Robinson said.

Multi-billion-dollar transit plan not enough: students

David Karp

(CUP) — Seventeen days after British Columbia announced a $4.75-billion transit plan, the Canadian Federation of Students presented the B.C. government with 12,000 signatures demanding a better deal.

The provincial government had announced $4.75-billion over the next 12 years to build a SkyTrain line to the main campus of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and a RapidBus line to the UBC-Okanagan campus in Kelowna.

"We can't wait until 2030, 2020, or 2012 for these transit promises," said BC-CFS chairperson Shamus Reid, who submitted the petition on Jan. 31. "Change must come today."

He said the announcement of more transit funding has helped the CFS campaign.

"Most of that funding is going into capital budgets, specifically in the Greater Vancouver area. It's not addressing late-night service needs of communities in New Westminster and Surrey. It's not addressing the needs of students at Thompson Rivers University [in Kamloops] and Selkirk Community College in [Castlegar and Nelson]."

But while fares are rising in Greater Vancouver, they're going down in Greater Victoria. On Jan. 30, BC Transit announced that it was eliminating two-zone fares in Greater Victoria, translating into a $0.60 reduction in fares for many people in the region.

Reid presented the petitions to a legislature security officer at a press conference on the steps of the B.C. legislature. Eight students — seven from the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) and one from the Camosun College Student Society — joined Reid in the announcement.

The petitions call on the federal and provincial government to provide a "big-picture plan" that increases the frequency of trips to universities and colleges, delivers more late-night service and express routes, and lowers fares.

"If the Minister of Finance is floating the idea of increasing gas taxes, we want to see that money go directly toward funding improved service in our public transit system," said UVSS chairperson Tracy Ho. "We want to see long-term sustainable funding in service, not just capital projects."

The UVic students drove a car to and from the press conference, but Reid called on Finance Minister Carole Taylor to take the bus.

"In less than a month, Finance Minister Carole Taylor will be walking down these steps to deliver the 2008 B.C. budget," Reid said. "Our hope is that she'll arrive off one of the buses that are just over there, with a sense of the challenges of those who use public transit every day."

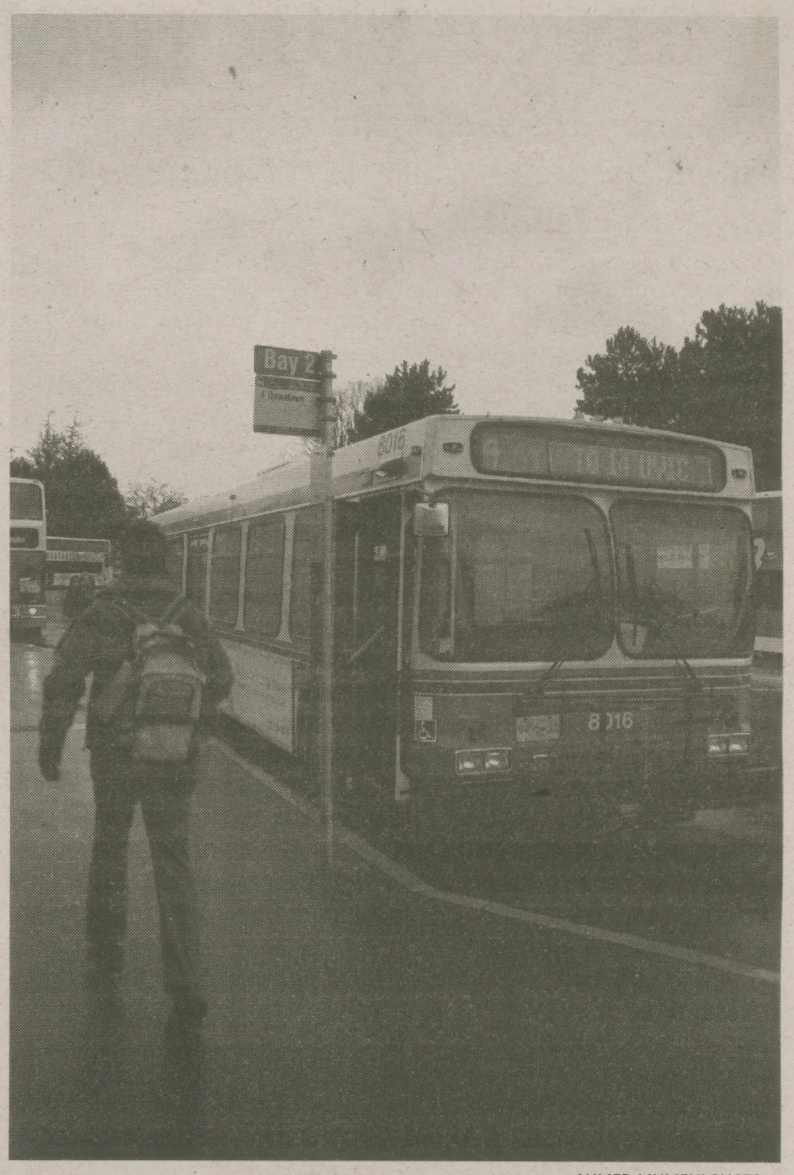
The petition is part of the CFS's We Ride campaign, which has been gathering signatures for the last four months — more than 4,000 from Vancouver Island students and more than 8,000 from the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and interior.

Rob Fleming, the provincial NDP's advanced education critic, agreed that the government's funding announcement isn't adequate.

"It's great to put out a glossy 20-page brochure full of nice pictures, but it's another thing to actually begin to fund and implement some of these plans," he said.

Fleming said the plan favours Greater Vancouver at the expense of Victoria.

"There's no mention about LRT [light rail transit] here — even as far out as 2030, and to me that's unacceptable."



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According to BC-CFS chairperson Shamus Reid, the government's new transit plan isn't addressing student needs. NDP MLA Rob Fleming said the plan is too Vancouver-centric.

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Feb. 9, 1995 — Red Cross blood donor clinics were banned from campus after a UVic student filed a human rights complaint, saying that the blood donor questionnaire was discriminatory against gay men.

The UVic Anti-Harassment Office forwarded the case to the B.C. Human Rights Council to rule on the complaint.

Feb. 12, 1981 — Liquor Control Board officials informed management at the SUB pub that the pub's license would no longer allow liquor to be served as long as minors were permitted entrance to the premises.

This was a significant problem for students because the pub and cafeteria shared the same space.

Management planned to permanently change the pub's hours to 4 p.m.-12 a.m. to complay with bylaws and solve the problem.

Seniors booted from mobile home park

Melanie Tromp

With urban sprawl on the rise and the crunch for affordable housing increasing in Greater Victoria, Langford's novel mobile home protection policy may afford a new sense of security for fixed-income households.

The policy, passed in October, mandates that mobile home residents being displaced by redevelopment must either be compensated with fair market value for their homes or be given the option of relocation to a new pad space.

This rookie policy will undergo its first test this spring as plans for rezoning the Tri-Way Mobile Home Park on Spencer Road move forward.

"Where is there for us to go?" asked Dyan Grant-Francis, a resident in the park occupied mostly by seniors and the secretary of the Tri-Way Mobile Home Association.

"There are no other [mobile] spaces in this area, so where are you going to put the homes if you can even move them? And what is a senior going to do with just $80,000?"

Mobile home owners make up a distinct category of residents in the province, she said.

"One of the challenges we're facing is that we own our homes, but we rent the pads they sit on," said Grant-Francis. "As a taxpayer, you expect to have some say in how the land is used."

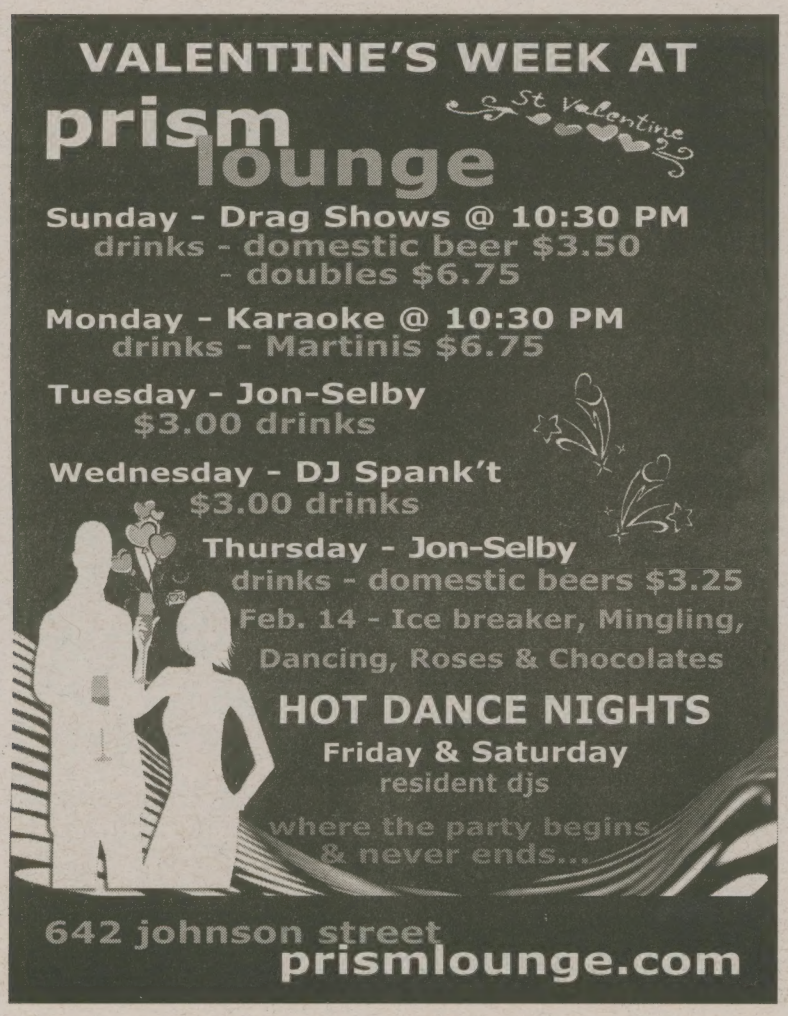
Residents of the 22.6-hectare modular-home park received notice of a rezoning application from Kramer holdings about a month ago, says Grant-Francis. If the application succeeds, the park would be restructured for mix-use development, including room for commercial and residential units as well as another smaller mobile home park.

"We are going to basically build a brand new park on the property, somewhere, subject to how the rezoning works out," said Les Bjola of Turner Lane Developments, the firm representing Kramer holdings.

Bjola met privately with 100 residents of the park, many over 75, on Jan. 19 and Jan. 20 to calm their anxiety and explain how the policy will be implemented.

Before the park is rezoned, Turner Lane will have to present a compensation package to the residents. When the land does eventually sell, developers will have to adhere to land use stipulations set out in the land title.

Although the rezoning of Tri-Way and the controversial Bear Mountain development are geographical neighbours in the Spencer Road areas, Grant-Francis says the two projects are completely separate issues.



NATIONAL NEWS

Native youth protest 2010 Olympics

Aboriginal leaders who co-operate with VANOC are called 'sell-out chiefs' who are in it for the money

Sam Bick
THE MCGILL DAILY

(CUP) — With the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics rapidly approaching, Aboriginal groups across Canada are protesting that the events will be held on unceded Salish, St'at'imc, and Squamish territory.

Activists Kanahus Pelkey and Dustin Johnson have embarked on a three-week speaking tour across the East Coast and Great Lakes titled "No Olympics on Stolen Land."

"By having the Olympics, it opens our land, our sacred sites, our medicine grounds," Pelkey said. "All these big corporations are going to see the potential in our land, and we want them to know that our land is not for sale."

Pelkey, a spokesperson for the Native Youth Movement, explained her group is opposing the Olympics because of unresolved land claims issues, as well as the threat she says they present to local land and the city's low-income communities.

> "We want them to know that our land is not for sale."
>
> *– Dustin Johnson*

Johnson said the construction leading up to the Olympics is harming Native land.

"There is an infrastructure being created for 2010 that will result in the further destruction of mountains and valleys that are traditionally Salish, St'at'imc, and Squamish territory," he said. "The Olympics have brought a destruction of the natural world and a dehumanization of the people."

Johnson said anticipation of the 2010 Olympics has led to rent increases and the conversion of low-income housing into upscale condos.

"It has created a more sterile, white, corporate environment."

The official site of the 2010 Olympics says the "Vancouver Olympic Committee's goal is to achieve unprecedented Aboriginal participation in the planning and hosting of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games." The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (VANOC)'s closest partner in this effort is the Four Host First Nations, a group of local chiefs.

But Angela Sterrit, a member of the International Indigenous Youth Network, said the Four Host First Nations were not representative of indigenous people in the region.

"These sell-out chiefs are in it for the money, not for the people," Sterrit said. "There is a big difference between political consent and ceremonial blessings."

Pelkey agreed.

"The majority of the traditional indigenous people will not vote in this system; they refuse to respect it. We have our own system that the government does not respect," Pelkey said.

Many natives were incensed when VANOC unveiled the Olympic logo and mascot. Sterrit explained that the logo, based on the Inuit inukshuk, was not created by indigenous people.

"It bastardizes indigenous cultures and mocks our people. That is evidence about how VANOC views indigenous peoples and cultures," Sterrit said.

The speaking tour comes after over a year of actions and protests aimed at shedding light on indigenous concerns with the Olympics.

In February 2007, indigenous groups protested the three-year countdown celebration. In October, 1,500 indigenous people attended the Gathering of the Indigenous Peoples of America in Mexico to declare a public rejection of the Olympics. Native groups also plan to protest the two-year countdown celebration next month.

"They'll never stop us. The spirit our people have, and the knowledge that this is our land, is something they cannot take away," Pelkey said.

NATIONAL NEWS

CFS campaign plans discovered through e-mail error

Chelse McKee and Tessa Vanderhart
THE MANITOBAN

(CUP) — Attempts to keep student societies from leaving the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) hit a major setback after campaign plans were accidentally circulated to every member student union in B.C.

The document, aside from detailing how a campaign to keep a student union in the CFS might unfold, also implies that pro-CFS people could be hired at key students' unions across the country.

Three B.C. student unions are holding referenda this spring to leave the CFS — the student unions at Kwantlen University College and Simon Fraser, as well as the UVic Graduate Students' Society.

Only plans for campaigning against the Simon Fraser Student Society were circulated. On Jan. 29, CFS-BC organizer Summer McFadyen attempted to e-mail the document to CFS national director of organizing Lucy Watson, but instead sent the document to the CFS-BC executive committee e-mail list, which includes representatives from every CFS student union in B.C.

The "Referendum Campaign Plan and Tasklist," dated Jan. 23, includes a list of more than 250 people, their availability and relationship with the CFS. Most of them are not even B.C. residents, leading some observers to question how they would get to B.C. to campaign for the CFS.

The plan assigns many potential volunteers "levels" ranging from A+ to C. At the UVic Students' Society, former chair and current resource co-ordinator Joanna Groves received an A, as did UVic law student and former UBC-Okanagan student union president Shayne Robinson. Board directors Tracy Ho, Caitlin Meggs and Jamie Strachan received a B, and Christine Comrie, Ed Pullman, Richard Park and Veronica Harrisson were listed but weren't graded. Former electoral officers Ben Johnson and Lindsay Bourque were also listed as B.C. volunteers.

Titus Gregory, a policy analyst at the Kwantlen Student Association, said some people on the list may be flown to B.C. to campaign for the CFS in the referenda. He added he did not know whether the CFS, student unions or individuals would pay for travel.

Some people on the list were not even aware they had been considered as potential campaigners.

"This is the first I've heard of it. This is the first that any of us here have heard of it," said Rachel Heinrichs, vice-president of advocacy at the University of Manitoba Students' Union. "It's obviously their campaign plan or campaign strategy. I guess it could be a wish list."

Amanda Aziz, national chairperson of the CFS, said that the document was authored by the B.C. wing of the CFS without the input from national office, adding there are no plans to fly anyone to B.C. to campaign during referendums.

"There has been no discussion about who is going to be attending," she said, but added she knows there is interest. Aziz would not speculate whether their flights would be subsidized by the organization.

Aziz said that the document wasn't a final plan and shouldn't have been circulated.

"I'm trying to understand what Summer was thinking when writing it," she said, adding that "the idea of having a game plan doesn't seem very sinister to me."

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Provincial leaders seek strategy

Nathan Lowther

Thirteen premiers came to Vancouver on Jan. 28 for a two-day conference hoping to find a consensus on addressing climate change. Only 12 premiers stayed until the end.

Alberta premier Ed Stelmach, who has taken criticism for Alberta's recently announced climate action plan, attended the first day, but his environment minister replaced him for the second.

> "The history of an environmental policy getting nailed down without getting watered down is not happy."
>
> – *James Lawson*

Yet Stelmach's colleagues were hesitant to criticize him.

"This is a climate change conference, not a beat-up-on-Alberta conference," Yukon premier Dennis Fentie told the Vancouver Sun.

Stelmach has been steadfast in his position that attempting to rapidly reduce Alberta's emissions would hurt the economy of the province and of Canada as a whole. His plan of reducing carbon emissions by 14 per cent below 2005 levels by 2050 pales in comparison to B.C.'s plan, which calls for an 80 per cent reduction in the same time frame. Carbon emissions are a leading factor in climate change. Alberta's emissions come mainly from the tar sands.

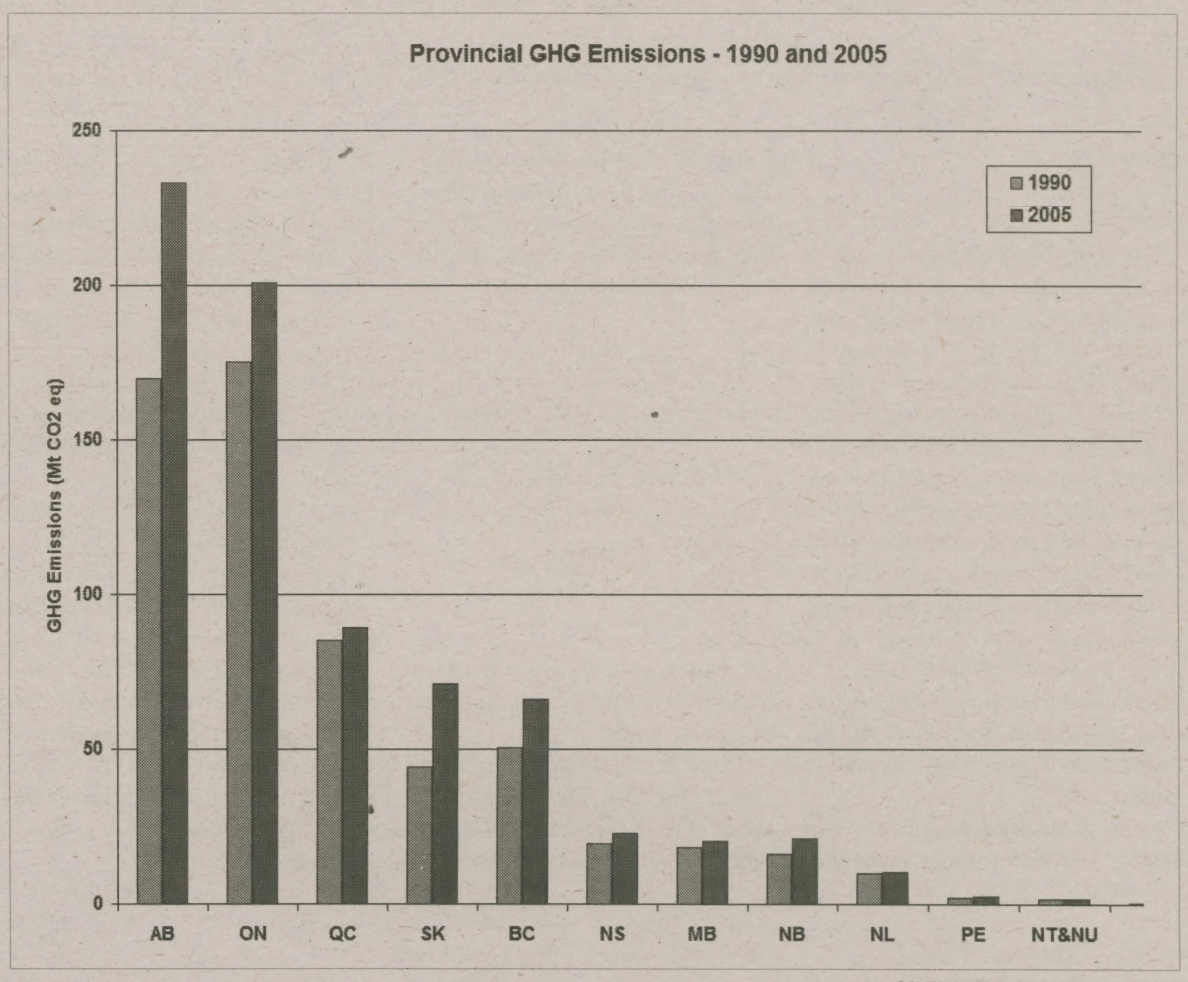
UVic political science professor James Lawson sees it as a positive that Stelmach showed up at all.

"The fact that he goes and actually proposes something, rather than say, 'Leave me alone — I'm Alberta and I'm wonderful,' shows that there are pressures within Alberta to be seen to be doing something about these problems," said Lawson.

A major rift between Alberta and other provinces is over a cap-and-trade carbon market. A cap-and-trade system would create a limit on the amount of carbon that can be emitted. If companies exceed these limitations, they can purchase credits from companies that fall below their quota. Alberta refuses to consider a cap-and-trade system, but B.C., Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, who combine for three-quarters of Canada's population, have agreed to move forward in developing a regional system.

"[Alberta doesn't] see a way of sharply reducing carbon output without putting a significant crimp in their activities," said Lawson. "But we wouldn't want to be stuck in a position of saying it is Alberta versus the rest when it comes to an environmental footprint."

Any cap-and-trade endeavor would likely be an extension of the Western Climate Initiative, a collaboration of B.C., Manitoba and six American states that are working toward developing a cap-and-trade system. But some critics worry that without universal membership, the system will result in businesses packing up and heading to Alberta to avoid the additional cost.



GOVERNMENT OF CANADA GRAPHIC

Despite Alberta's resistance to enter into a cap-and-trade emissions market, B.C., Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec are developing a regional strategy.

But Lawson isn't so sure. "We have gotten to exaggerate the capacity of certain kinds of business to pull up stakes and leave," he said.

Even with the conference's cap-and-trade discussion, Lawson is skeptical that the conference will create any tangible results, noting each premier has an "electoral interest" in attending.

"The hope would have been that they could nail down a common position," Lawson said. "The history of a common environmental policy position getting nailed down without being watered down is not a happy one."

Nonetheless, the discussion has the potential to help establish some concrete institutions within the country.

"This may be a credible coalition to get something started," said Lawson. "We don't have enough time to debate if what those beginning provinces and states do will be enough. There are some arguments that say once you get something like this going, it can quickly become the norm of doing business."

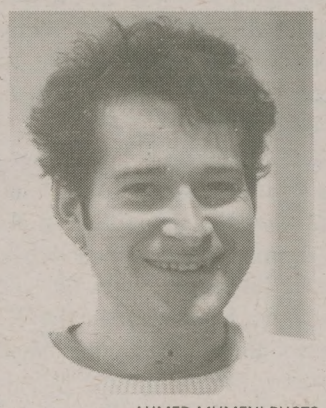
Your take

What can individuals do to fight climate change?

AHMED MUMENI PHOTO

"Ride a bike, turn off your lights, and buy local... clothes and food"

- Alana Ramsay, anthropology student



AHMED MUMENI PHOTO

"Sell your car and vote for the Green Party."

- Thomas McLachlan, anthropology student

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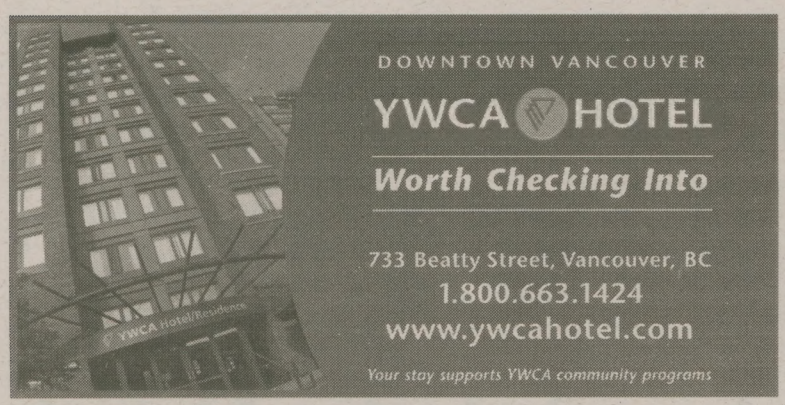
"Use travel mugs. Don't drive cars."

- Kath Dolmage, biology student



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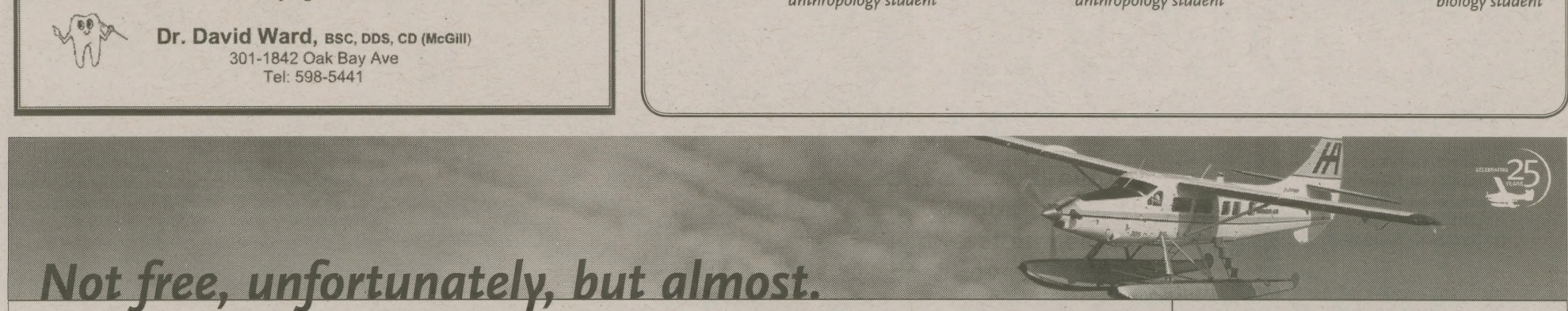
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B.C.'s climate contradiction

Provincial government advocates for greenhouse gas reductions while pushing for fossil fuel expansion

Tim Lindsay

Scientists continue to warn that burning fossil fuels for energy is causing a global climate crisis. But supplying those fossil fuels to the market is a sweet deal for British Columbia.

Over $2 billion a year goes directly to B.C. government coffers from the oil and gas industry. That money could be used for health care, education, or other priorities high on the government's agenda — including subsidizing even more oil and gas development.

This creates a contradiction in the provincial government's climate change strategy, according to Eric Swanson, a researcher for Dogwood Initiative. Swanson said the government is making some moves to address climate change by investing in public transit and establishing a Climate Action Secretariat.

"But to have that heroic group of people trying to do something, and at the same time the government is promoting offshore oil and gas, targeted subsidies for oil and gas development and facilitating Alberta's oil sands expansion — that's why we keep using the word 'contradiction' over and over again. It just doesn't make any sense."

Swanson notes that the fossil fuel industry accounts for 20 per cent of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions, and that continued efforts to expand the industry will increase those emissions.

"You could end up with a scenario where because of your oil and gas subsidies you are wiping out all of these efforts by the Climate Action Secretariat," he said.

The type of contradiction highlighted by Swanson isn't new to Canadian politics. Provinces have jurisdiction over energy and natural resources, but the federal government is responsible for international issues such as the Kyoto Accord. This has often pit fossil fuel producing provinces Alberta and B.C. against the federal government and provinces such as Quebec, which doesn't have a large fossil fuel industry.

Within the federal government, there have been similar contradictions between departments: those with mandates to promote fossil fuels and those who are charged with addressing climate change. The Prime Minister's Office plays a crucial role in determining how these contradictions play out, some analysts say.

Now that the B.C. government has converted to the climate change cause, the energy development versus climate change contradiction is rearing its head at the B.C. cabinet table, said Swanson.

"You've got tension in government where you have Premier Campbell who's got religion on climate change and he's dedicated to making strong reductions on emissions, and then you've got these people like Rick Neufeld, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, who are never going to change," said Swanson. "Every fossil fuel project that comes across their desk they are going to like."

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Without widespread public demand for change, Swanson said B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell "might be limited in what he can do internally," which doesn't bode well for a coherent provincial climate change strategy any time soon.

"Rick Neufeld and people like him are the real problem," said Swanson. "[When] those types of people who are really stuck to this ideology can be replaced, that's when we're going to start seeing the real long-term solutions to climate change. If there are internal backers of endless oil and gas, we're still going to be contributing to climate change."

Neufeld makes no apologies for his government's unequivocal support for the oil and gas industry.

"With the BC Energy Plan, we set out to become one of the most competitive oil and gas jurisdictions in North America," said Neufeld in a Dec. 12 press release. "B.C.'s energy industries are responding to our streamlined fiscal regimes and creating new opportunities by generating jobs and revenue that benefit all British Columbians."

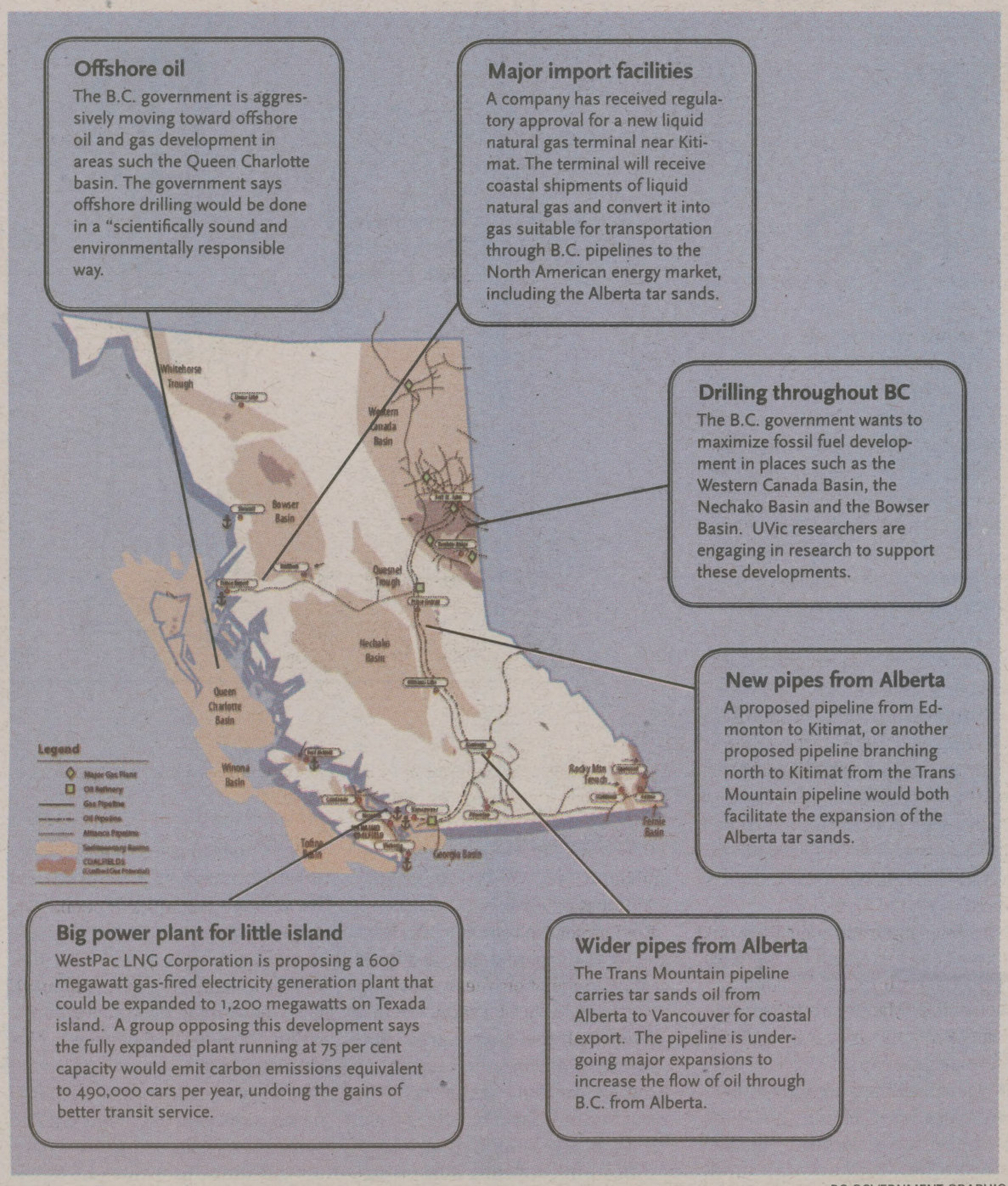
"We are feeling pretty good in British Columbia," Neufeld told the Financial Post the day after his press release. "B.C. is under-drilled. It's a good place to invest. There are programs in place to actually encourage investment. And we actually want them to do it."

Swanson said he can count 19 B.C. government policies intended to expand oil and gas development within the province. He says B.C. is indirectly playing a supporting role in the development of the Alberta tar sands by allowing the expansion of pipelines running from Alberta through B.C. and by allowing increased oil tanker traffic to export oil to new markets. B.C. has also approved a liquid natural gas terminal that can supply energy to Alberta.

"By playing any sort of role in the expansion of the tar sands, it makes us out as the chump," said Swanson. "B.C. is the chump because we will make heroic efforts to get to 33 per cent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, then we'll help the tar sands development completely wipe out that 33 per cent and it's all for nothing."

It's difficult to imagine B.C. taking a hard stance against Alberta when our provincial strategy is to fully reap the benefits of oil and gas extraction. Swanson said B.C. is seriously addicted to oil and gas revenues and that finding a way to operate and administer society in a way that doesn't require those revenues is the real challenge for policy makers.

"B.C. needs to start by recognizing this fundamental contradiction in an honest way. Even if they're not necessarily going to do anything about it right now, it's important for Premier Campbell to at least come out in the open and recognize the contradiction as one that needs to be dealt with," said Swanson.


Offshore oil
The B.C. government is aggressively moving toward offshore oil and gas development in areas such the Queen Charlotte basin. The government says offshore drilling would be done in a "scientifically sound and environmentally responsible way.
Major import facilities
A company has received regulatory approval for a new liquid natural gas terminal near Kitimat. The terminal will receive coastal shipments of liquid natural gas and convert it into gas suitable for transportation through B.C. pipelines to the North American energy market, including the Alberta tar sands.
Drilling throughout BC
The B.C. government wants to maximize fossil fuel development in places such as the Western Canada Basin, the Nechako Basin and the Bowser Basin. UVic researchers are engaging in research to support these developments.
New pipes from Alberta
A proposed pipeline from Edmonton to Kitimat, or another proposed pipeline branching north to Kitimat from the Trans Mountain pipeline would both facilitate the expansion of the Alberta tar sands.
Big power plant for little island
WestPac LNG Corporation is proposing a 600 megawatt gas-fired electricity generation plant that could be expanded to 1,200 megawatts on Texada island. A group opposing this development says the fully expanded plant running at 75 per cent capacity would emit carbon emissions equivalent to 490,000 cars per year, undoing the gains of better transit service.
Wider pipes from Alberta
The Trans Mountain pipeline carries tar sands oil from Alberta to Vancouver for coastal export. The pipeline is undergoing major expansions to increase the flow of oil through B.C. from Alberta.
Whitehorse Trough
Western Canada Basin
Bowser Basin
Nechako Basin
Queen Charlotte Basin
Winona Basin
Georgia Basin
Legend

BC GOVERNMENT GRAPHIC

Major initiatives to advance fossil fuel development are affecting the province. While some of these projects are well underway, others are only possibilities. All of them would contradict the government's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, says Eric Swanson of the Dogwood Initiative.

B.C. Energy Plan highlights

- Continue to work to lift the federal moratorium on offshore exploration and development
- Reiterate the intention to simultaneously lift the provincial moratorium.
- Implement a net profit royalty program to stimulate development of natural gas and oil resources.
- Enhance infrastructure to support the development of oil and gas in British Columbia
- Enhance marketing efforts with major oil and gas companies
- Promote exploration and development of the Interior basins with a priority focus on the Nechako Basin.
- Identify regions in British Columbia which are suitable for the underground disposal of acid gas.
- Develop a program to encourage oil and gas innovation and research in British Columbia's post-secondary institutions.
- Work with First Nations to identify opportunities to participate in and benefit from oil and gas development.

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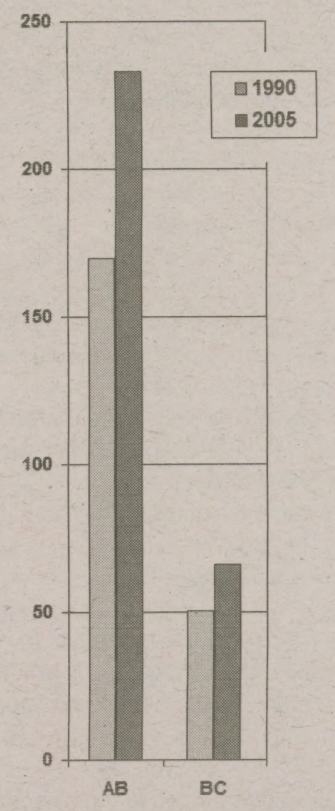

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What B.C. does to support or hinder Alberta tar sands development may be more relevant to the environmental health of the province than reducing emissions within B.C.

Opinions

EDITORIAL

UVic needs plan for shootings

School shootings are scary.

Virginia Tech. Columbine. École Polytechnique. These conjure up strong, all-too-painful memories for many.

Recently, the threat of a school shooting hit close to home. UBC had to lock down a building when it received a violent threat on Jan. 30. And on Feb. 5, it cancelled classes in that building because of another threat. Thankfully, authorities were able to control the situation and no harm was done.

We can't take safety for granted. In this new era where terrorism is prevalent, it's important that universities are prepared for the worst.

UVic is kind-of prepared. We have an emergency plan which addresses school shootings. But it also addresses plumbing problems, fires and meningitis. There is no specific plan to deal with a shooting — we'd just do what would happen if there was an earthquake, a fire, or, God forbid, some leaky pipes. Kind of prepared isn't good enough.

Thankfully, local police officers are prepared to respond to a school shooting. Two years ago, the decision was made to train all local police officers in active shooting practices, so that officers can address a school shooting threat right away, rather than barricade a building and try to negotiate with a potential shooter.

But it's been almost four years since UVic revised their emergency plan. The police have acknowledged that times are changing — why is a university, which is supposed to be a leader in new ideas and technologies — lagging behind?

UBC has purchased a communications system which would send text messages to students' cellphones if disaster struck. Students would have guidance on what to do if there's a shooting.

At UVic, students would be left stranded. Police officers have no direct method of communication with students barricaded inside a classroom. UVic is window shopping similar technologies to the one being implemented at UBC, but it hasn't stepped forward and made a purchase. The university would put updates on its website and have a phone line to deal with frantic parents. But the students inside the building — they're on their own.

And while many high schools have started holding regular drills to practice lockdown procedures, UVic students are left in the dark. Students wanting to educate themselves on lockdown procedures will find UVic's emergency management website sorely lacking — there is no explanation of what to do if there's a lockdown, and there are no instructions specific to a school shooting. The resource section for "suspicious or violent situations" is surprisingly limited:

- Do NOT confront a violent or potentially violent person.
- Do NOT touch or disturb a suspicious object. Call 9-1-1.
- Trust your instincts.

It's some good advice, but it's also something an eight-year-old would know. It's grossly inadequate to prepare students for a school shooting.

It's time to acknowledge that school shootings are a real threat and we need a real plan, one that is constantly re-evaluated as times change. Hopefully, the day will never come when the plan needs to be used. But if it did, it could save lives.

Remember, a stitch in time saves nine.

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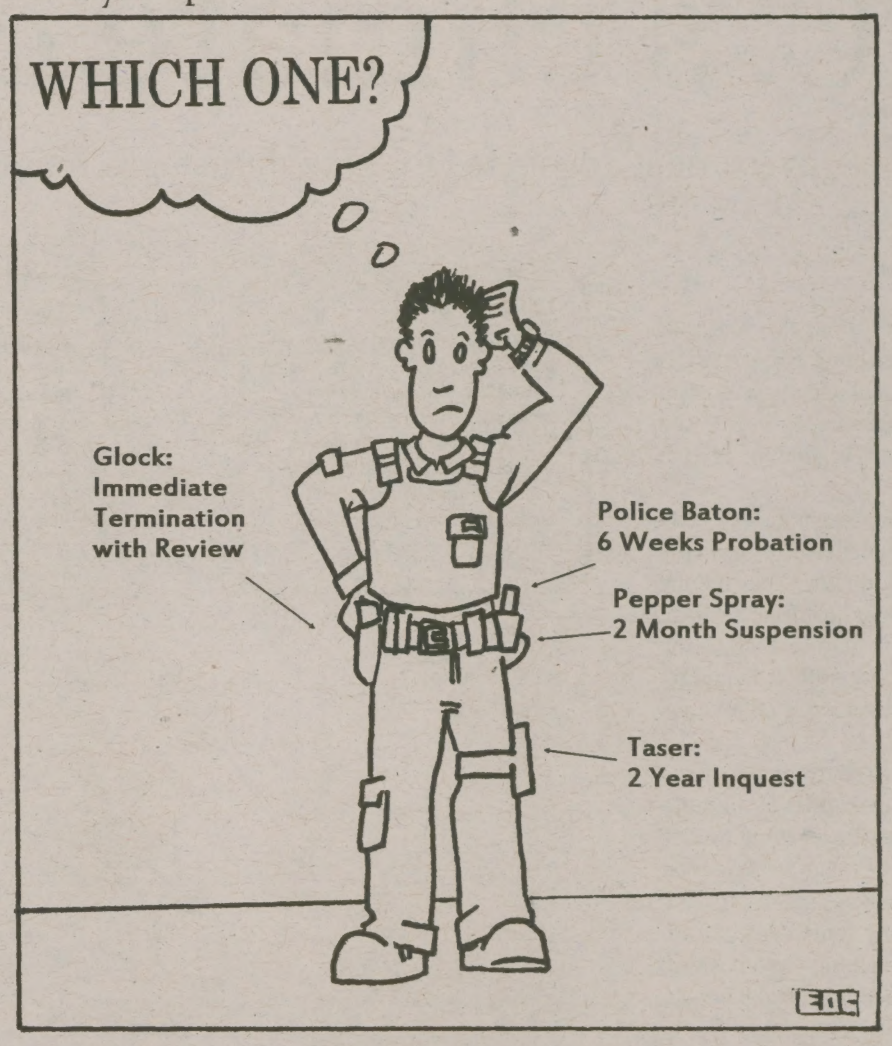

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LETTERS

Protesters were pests

I commend the anti-war protesters for spreading their "message of hope" around the Michèle Pujol Room at the career fair on Jan. 30, while managing to interrupt the proceedings at every other booth at the fair. And, of course, who could forget the pièce de resistance: setting up a coffin less than a foot in front of the Canadian Forces booth to block any potential applicants or those interested in information, making it difficult for uninterested students to walk by without being accosted, and using up more than the standard allocated booth space given to other companies or organizations attending the career fair.

The funniest part of this whole charade were the blank stares returned when we told them to show the other students some respect. When they proposed we love war because we weren't loved as children, they received those same stares in turn.

It's interesting to note they were handing out the same literature they used in their last gasp before the UVSS annual general meeting in October. Either they were too typically lazy to bother with new material, or they spent their club's budget drawing designs on their pirate hats and slathering war paint on their makeshift "tank."

- Tim Ell, UVic student

Grow up

The opinion of the majority of UVic students on the issue of military recruitment and presence at university career fairs and similar events was made quite clear at the referendum in October 2007. Not everyone agrees with everything that the Canadian Forces have done, or continue to do, but they have the right and freedom to be in our SUB. Those same Canadian rights and freedoms apply to people who want to protest the military activities on campus. Fair enough.

If, as protesters, you want to be taken seriously by your peers and the community at large, treat others with the same respect that you would appreciate. I will note that the Raging Grannies protested across the aisle from the military booth. Good for them, and good for the Canadian Forces recruitment officers who took the high road . It is unfortunate that a handful of UVic students made a complete mockery not just of themselves, but a legitimate issue by using unnecessary means to prove a point.

- Erin Wood, UVic student

Protest was disrespectful

The protesters at the Career Fair infringed on our right to hear about what the Canadian Forces offers students, and went as far as to disrespect all of our veterans, both alive and deceased. I am disgusted by this behaviour, and appalled that the student union would allow this to occur, especially on a campus that prides itself on being open minded and accepting. Shame on all of you.

- Ayal Levi, UVic student

Protests bring fresh voice

While the Canadian military has government funding to run commercials during Hockey Night in Canada and other popular programming, there is no media coverage, let alone advertising, informing Canadians of the details of the mission in Afghanistan. The information on the Canadian Forces turning prisoners over to torture and assisting the imperialist mission of the United States is being swept under the rug. With this obvious media bias, Canadians must resort to picket-type demonstrations in order to present this information to the public.

This type of demonstration has been commonplace on campuses since the '60s when university campuses were the building blocks for opposition to the Vietnam War. Today they continue in opposition to the Iraq occupation. University is supposed to be where intelligent minds learn to think for themselves and debate these contentious issues, however the academic debate sparked by last weeks demonstrations has now been overshadowed by a chorus of government-sponsored media messages that these protesters are actually opposed to freedom of speech.

- Cathy Birch, Victoria resident

Democracy upheld

In anticipation of the lame liberal arguments which will surely be gracing the pages of this paper: when the Times Colonist says "free speech is a one-way street", it forgets to mention their CanWest overlords hold the second-highest concentration of newspaper interests in the Western world.

Does free speech mean the blacklisting of Canadian journalist Gwynne Dyer, or Izzy Asper's pro-Liberal and pro-Israel editorial biases? Does the military epitomize this sacred free speech when it manages all Canadian press coverage related to the Afghan mission? Has our press ever mentioned the six Polish NATO soldiers facing war crimes charges stemming from a commonly ordered killing of civilians?

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The monster that lurks within

Will Johnson

I slept through my 8:30 a.m. class the other day.

Nothing too dramatic; my body just wasn't going to let it happen. It wasn't in the cards. It's too bad, because I love that class.

Seems to be a unanimously decided-upon truth amongst my friends that enrolling in an 8:30 a.m. class is a mistake at best, and irresponsible suicide at worst. Being forced into it to satisfy a prerequisite is cause for overwhelming despair and long-winded complaining.

The weird thing is, the majority of us spent our childhoods waking up at this time every day from Monday to Friday. My Dad used to open the door of my bedroom at 7:15

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

a.m. to wake me up with the infuriatingly upbeat song "Good Morning to You." We'd be out of the house before 8 a.m., listening to Kiss FM and talking excitedly about the day ahead.

I remember playing before class — going on the swings in the brisk morning cold, kicking a ball around, having gossip circles in our tire tower. Nowadays, my daily exercise regimen consists of dragging myself to the shower or lifting my cereal spoon to my mouth. Running for the bus happens from time to time, but more often I just wait for the next one. Too much effort.

This leads me to my next point: I think I'm addicted to Monster energy drinks.

I've spent a good portion of my adolescence being self-righteously smug about my avoidance of the common student vices: coffee and cigarettes. But now, along with my late-night eating habits, I've become hooked to that strangely metallic, thick syrupy beverage — the aptly named Monster.

My friend Emily is in nursing, and tells me energy drinks are bad for me. A quick Google search tells me that energy drinks are one of the fastest growing and most profitable industries, but they're also dangerous for your health and ultimately cause you more fatigue and sleep deprivation than anything else.

But you know what?

I like them. A lot. The same way I love fake n' baking, though everyone bitches about that too. I think if I decided to stop doing everything that was "bad" for me, I'd end up cutting out most of the things I really enjoy in life. I'd be one of those people who asks, "How many calories is in that?" before I eat it. God forbid.

But I'd probably have an easier time getting to class in the morning.

Quality control needed at ESL schools

Melanie Tromp

On Feb. 1 the provincial government put forward their plan to better protect post-secondary students — especially international students — from shady schools and sub-par diplomas.

The government's best idea for marketing B.C.'s education system is the promise of a new quality assurance-like code for schools to aspire to, but their plan falls short of what a government-commissioned report by former BCIT president John Watson recommended.

Watson's report advocated for a mandatory accreditation process including the regulation of English as a Second Language (ESL) schools, whereas Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell's plan gives schools the option of gaining a quality designation. There are currently almost 100,000 ESL students in the province, served by more than 150 private ESL schools that are not required to meet any standards.

With rampant Internet scams advertising counterfeit diplomas, how are international ESL students supposed to delineate between the truly accredited schools and the institutions who opt out of the accreditation process? These students are looking for ESL training, implying an obvious language barrier, and it's all too easy to market a company as quality-stamped in convincing banner ads on Facebook and MySpace.

Moreover, Coell never stated an end date for this project. Critics estimate that it will likely take two years to draft a policy that will find approval by all necessary stakeholders.

Operators of B.C.'s ESL schools are rumoured to be vehemently opposed to any regulation, saying it would put their programs at a disadvantage in Canada because no other province has instated a comparable regulatory process. But isn't it a huge disservice to our international student population not to implement some sort of standard? Their interests have to be taken into account.

Coell's promises come on the heels of several scandals and school shutdowns in recent years, events that caused a sharp decline in students entering B.C. schools from India, China and Korea after the countries' respective governments warned their students not to transfer across the Pacific.

How unfortunate that Coell seems to be ignoring some of the best ideas coming out of Watson's report.

Watson also recommended that the province both strengthen the registrar's position to allow for the imposition of fines for schools that break with policy, as well as the creation of a Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities. A forum for student complaints would be implemented as a part of this Charter.

A student-savvy Charter would be an exceptional resource for all B.C. students in what Coell described as a "fantastic education system." He said the province must attract the "best and brightest" to B.C.

If he's serious, the government should grow a pair and take Watson's report seriously.

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Students made a democratic decision to allow recruiters on campus, and there were. Nationally, Canadians overwhelmingly decided to reject the illegal war in Iraq, yet our government continues to send (amongst other things) our top military brass and our tax dollars.

True democracy is participatory, and the world is bigger than UVic. Students never lost their right to decide, but why does the military have a right to decide to violate laws, or our government to break promises, or UVic Career Services to take money from these corrupt institutions?

- Tim Fournier, UVic student and anti-war activist

Protest boosts military support

At the career fair last week, several student protesters showed up dressed as soldiers and pirates and obnoxiously obstructed pedestrian traffic while denying access to the Canadian Forces booth. The group covered military posters with their own propaganda while hypocritically claiming to promote "fair and balanced" information.

The military is a necessary tool in our society. As a tool, it does not think nor act of its own volition. If the tool is misused or misplaced, it is the government who directs them and takes responsibility for them.

Demonstrating against the Conservative and Liberal parties would send a much louder message to Ottawa, and influence foreign policy more effectively. Instead, this protest by a vast minority of the student body resulted in more people stopping by to thank the Canadian Forces for showing up than ever before.

- Dylan Hardie, UVic student

Some clarification needed

I would like to question the pamphlets handed out at the Career Fair by the anti-war individuals. These four points confused me:

• "The goal is not to inhibit students from finding out about career options or censoring information..." Then why did the group blockade the military table and put up propaganda posters in front of the military ones, literally inhibiting students from accessing military information as well as censoring it?

• "...but rather to send a message to our political leaders." Then why didn't this group show up during the clubs and course union days and stage a protest in front of the Conservative and Liberal party tables?

• "Peacekeeping = war making." Peace keeping, a concept created by Lester B. Pearson, is the process of avoiding war through mediation and deployment of small forces. What we are doing in Afghanistan is not peace keeping. They are not the same.

- Zachary Graves, UVic student

Management has problem

With regard to your article concerning the report carried out about problems in facilities management at UVic (Report uncovers problems in facilities management, Jan. 31), surely there is a glaring inconsistency between statements in the report and the reaction (or lack of it) of the administration.

The report, according to the article, states that the department has "a lack of skill and ability to prevent, manage and resolve these conflicts." Yet you quote UVic vice-president Gayle Gorrill as saying, "Facilities Management will come up with its own action plan" to address the problems.

Are we to assume that the fox is being left in charge of the hen house, and that staff in facilities management will be working for some years in an unpleasant environment? As executive director of facilities management Gerry Robson said, "It will likely take a year or two."

- Beth Bushby, community member

The eternal disagreement

The writer of "Like fine wine..." (Letters, Jan. 31) has profoundly misunderstood my argument.

Should Picasso or Miles Davis have continued to live another decade or three of healthy life? Sure. In fact, why stop there? Let's give every creative genius in the world the opportunity to live for 1,000 years. My argument wasn't against such a project. It was against in-the-flesh eternal life. Do you know what the word "eternal" means? Practically speaking, assuming no human or natural catastrophes destroy humankind in the meantime, it could mean millions of years, until the sun goes supernova, or billions of years, until the last habitable planet in the universe becomes uninhabitable. Currently living humans, just like currently cutting-edge computers, won't be useful to the end of either, totally preposterous scenario. It may be true that I'm not an expert on science and the arts, but at least I know how to use a dictionary.

- Jordon Gowans, UVic student

Truth and forgiveness

Can a truth and reconciliation commission heal the wounds in Canada's First Nations communities?

by Misha Warbanski
CUP Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL (CUP) — Audrey Redman sits down in front of the microphone in the tiny booth at CKLN, the community radio station at Ryerson University. She puts on her headphones, adjusts the levels and slides up the master volume. For the next hour Redman's show Honour the Earth broadcasts over the city, a combination of news and spoken word. She puts on her headphones and waxes poetically — and sometimes angrily — about Canada and her life as a Dakota Cree.

Audrey Redman has overcome her experience in a residential school. She hosts a regular radio show on CKLN, the c

"They'd rather listen to a story about Africa or Burma than a story about Six Nations," Redman says about Canadians. People want to "act globally," but in doing so it's easy to overlook human rights abuses in your own backyard.

Redman looks younger than her 56 years. Her waist-length black hair shines, with only a few grey strands. But appearances can be deceiving, and under that hair lies a brutal past. When she was six years old, Redman was plucked from her home in Saskatchewan's Qu'Appelle Valley and sent to a residential school.

And while many of her friends are cashing in for their share of the federal government settlement for residential school survivors — $10,000 for the first year and $3,000 for each additional year — Redman has sent in her opt-out forms.

"You can't put a price on my suffering," she hisses. "You can't buy healing."

Painful past

Redman spent the first six years of her life living on the Standing Buffalo native reservation. "I remember open plains. We had all the freedom that any child could want," she said.

The children had the run of the plains. Children had their own important place within families and community, responsible for carrying water and gathering firewood.

When she left for school, Redman didn't know where she was going. While the children waited in line outside the building, she held on tight to a stranger's hand for comfort. It got dark as they entered the school. The sun didn't penetrate the maze of dark stairwells.

It was her life for the next seven years. Run by Catholic Grey Nuns from Montreal, St. Paul's Residential School was about 15 kilometres away from the reserve, near Lebret, Sask. Although it was close to home, Redman recalls, life in the school was a world away from life on the reserve.

"We ate in lines, stood in lines, slept in lines," she said.

Some 130 Indian residential schools were established across the country, many before Confederation. Catholic missionaries established the very first in the 1600s. Indian residential schools were a way for the European colonizers to deal with the "Indian problem," according to the CBC, and to prepare Aboriginal youth to fit into a white culture.

Most closed in the '70s, though the last school shut its doors in 1996— the same year the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples shed light on abuses that occurred at many of these schools. From the intentional spread of tuberculosis to rape and physical violence, the abuses were institutional and systematic.

Over 3,700 claims have already been settled against the government, seeking compensation for physical or sexual abuse. In 2005 then-Justice Minister Irwin Cotler called the residential school system "the single most harmful, disgraceful and racist act in our history."

At Concordia's Centre for Native Education, director Manon Tremblay says not all schools were created equal.

"Some residential schools were the only schools for miles around and they also took in non-native kids," she says. There may have been less abuse, but Tremblay says the cultural loss is still devastating.

At Redman's school every child's hair was cut and their clothes from the outside world were taken away. They were punished if they spoke their native language.

"I remember Mrs. Town. She was the first white woman I'd ever met. I remember her yelling at me, 'Sauvage,' and I wondered, what is that word?" says Redman. But the way the word sounded, she knew what it meant. "I don't remember one kind word, one kind act."

The children were allowed to go home for a few weeks over Christmas and during the summer. And although Redman's siblings and mother had all gone to residential schools, no one ever talked about it.

The cultural effects of the schools had started to take effect by the time Redman and her siblings went through the system. Redman grew up speaking English. Even on the reserve, their native language was already losing hold. It was common for families to suppress culture and language.

> While the children waited in line outside the building, she held on tight to a stranger's hand for comfort.

Tremblay says the same thing happened to her family. Her grandparents refused to teach her parents Cree.

"In the first generation it doesn't work so well. In the school yard children have ways of communicating," Tremblay explains. "But that generation of parents are going to teach their kids English to protect them. They intentionally don't pass on culture."

Her knowledge of English afforded Redman some protection and she wasn't targeted for physical abuse. But her brother was raped. Her sister was beaten and eventually ran away from school at age 15. Native youth coming out of the schools were stuck in a cultural no-man's-land. Their childhoods weren't steeped in the culture of their people, yet the white establishment didn't accept them either.

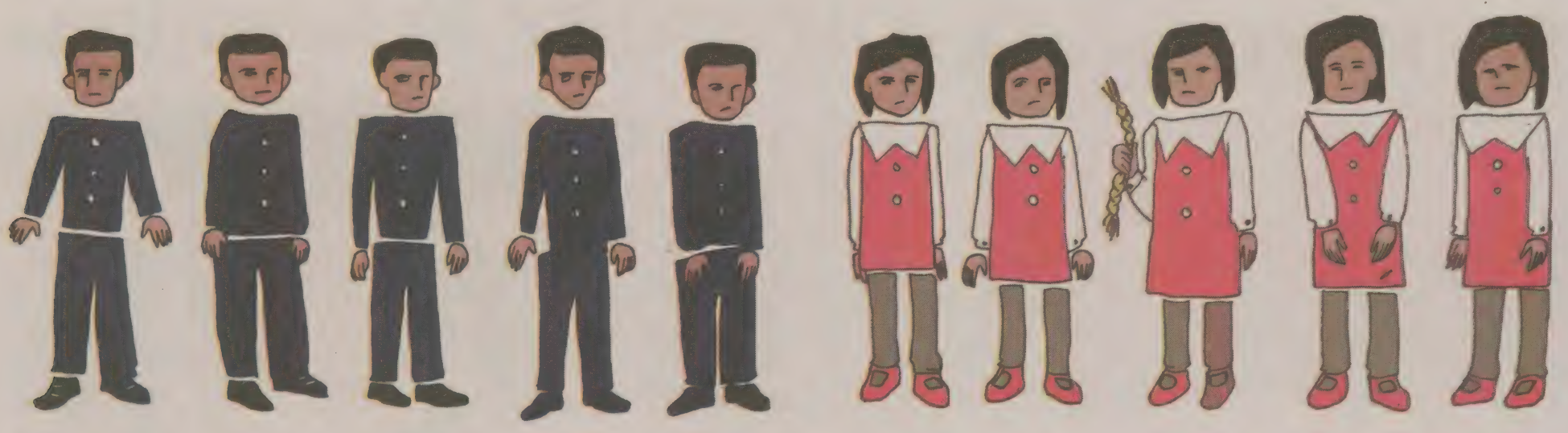
"They might have made you speak English and strip your culture, but they weren't able to whitewash you either," says Tremblay. "You're stuck between two worlds."

And that's where the problems start. Redman and her siblings ended up in Regina with nowhere to go.

"No one would hire an Indian," she says.

Her brother was in and out of jail for the next 30 years. His biggest offense, Redman says with a smirk of irony, was being Indian. He contracted HIV in prison and died of AIDS. After a hard life, with time on the streets, her sister also died young.

"I feel like I am an exception to the rule. I was able to escape the violence and the alcoholism. I really count myself as more than lucky. I don't know how it happened," she says.



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N, the community radio station at Ryerson University in Toronto.

Burden of the truth

The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples put residential schools into the public eye. Spurred by the Oka Crisis, the commission ran for five years and produced some 400 recommendations. Few have ever been implemented.

In 1998 the Aboriginal Healing Foundation was established with a budget of $350 million to be distributed to community-based initiatives. But as more and more survivors of the schools came forward with stories of abuse, the Canadian government had to do more. In 2005, Supreme Court Justice Frank Iacobucci was appointed "to negotiate a fair and lasting resolution," according to federal government documents. About 80,000 people who attended the schools are still alive.

The eventual settlement had several parts. It called for a cash payout called the "common experience payment" for anyone who attended residential schools, a separate process to compensate those who suffered abuse, as well as a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Among its functions, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will travel around the country and collect stories. The process has been used in a number of Latin American nations and perhaps most famously in post-apartheid South Africa with a commission led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The Canadian commission will have three commissioners, at least one of whom must be aboriginal. The selection committee gathered more than 300 applications by the August 2007 deadline and hopes to have a shortlist ready in the coming weeks. It's a slow-moving process, but attention to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been building. The call for applications appeared prominently in major Canadian newspapers and in his speech from the throne last year, Prime Minister Stephen Harper reiterated his government's dedication to the commission.

"Indian residential schools have affected a huge portion of the Aboriginal population in Canada and mainstream society is largely ignorant," says Seetal Sunga, a representative from the interim office of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. "It's fundamentally race-based and has affected how Aboriginal people are included in the social fabric of Canada."

Sunga says the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is about nation building and differs greatly from other commissions. The exercise is not about writing a report that will sit on a shelf, but about promoting participation, learning and healing, she says.

"One of the big challenges is to raise awareness. We're going to have to be a bit of a megaphone," she said. "I put the challenge out there to everyone—all Canadians—to make this a living commission, to bring life and spirit, not just dry academic exercise."

She acknowledges the commission can't force healing. Rather, it will make the space for reconciliation available. Sunga says the mandate of the commission is broad enough to allow individual communities to articulate specific needs and what reconciliation means to them.

The two co-chairs of the commission are big names in the realm of Aboriginal rights. Former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Thomas Berger has been a commissioner for several inquiries including the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry and has done human rights work internationally. Marlene Brant Castellano is of Mohawk origin and was the Royal Commission's co-director of research. She is also a professor emeritus at Trent University.

The problems with money

The class-action settlement called on Canada to provide significant financial resources: $60 million for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, $20 million for commemorative events and $1.9 billion for common experience payouts. Still, with the average payout of $25,000, the money has made little difference for the many who live in poverty and Redman says in her experience, it is difficult to directly access support from many of the government and non-governmental organizations that should be there to help.

"Some people say the lawyers are the real winner in this," says Manon Tremblay from her office at Concordia University. In November Canada paid out $45.6 million to the lawyers involved in the class-action suit on residential schools. The CBC reported this as the largest legal bill Canada has ever paid.

In 2001 the Assembly of First Nations published a progress report and gave the federal government a failing grade due to "a lack of progress on socio-economic indicators."

"The federal response has been limited to providing some funding in targeted areas such as early childhood development, diabetes, housing, sewage infrastructure, some aspects of education reform, water management and social assistance," the Assembly of First Nations reported.

> "You can't put a price on my suffering. You can't buy healing."
>
> – *Audrey Redman*

Recommendations that range from developing a network of healing lodges to the abolishment of the department of Indian Affairs have been largely ignored, according to the report.

The Kelowna Accord started as a working paper called Strengthening Relationships and Closing the Gap that was developed out of a year-and-a-half worth of meetings between native leaders and government officials. With the goals of improving living conditions and education for Aboriginal people, the bill was scrapped by the Conservative government, which criticized former Prime Minister Paul Martin for presenting the motion in Parliament without a signed accord. The money promised — $5 billion — had not been budgeted.

Most recently the government common experience payment has come under criticism. On Nov. 26, the CBC reported a Manitoba man, Steve Daniels, is ready to take the government to court. He did not receive full compensation for his seven years in residential school on the grounds that he boarded outside the school with a white family.

Hope and healing

At the Interim Office of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Seetal Sunga is still optimistic the commission will provide a unique space and an alternative to the usual Canadian process of writing reports that collect dust. She hopes the process will work for people like Audrey Redman.

"Ultimately the story does belong to the survivor," says Sunga. "If someone wants to come before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, it's open to anybody. It doesn't matter if you've opted out [of the settlement]."

While thousands are no longer alive to tell their stories, Sunga hopes this history can also be collected from stories passed down.

At the end of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a public archive on residential schools will be established. Sunga says this will be one of the lasting legacies of the commission, and will play a role in heightening public awareness.

Back in Toronto, Redman is going through her own healing process. Aside from her radio show, she is an avid writer, documenting her experiences and the movement toward healing.

"I didn't feel comfortable going to a government agency for counselling and help," she said. Poverty almost forced her to the streets on more than one occasion, but Redman was able to raise her five children and head back to school in her 40s.

"I put a lot of years into giving them the childhood that I didn't have, putting that time with them and doing the best I possibly could," she says. "In the circle of life we have all our family around us. [Through residential schooling] they took everyone out and now we stand alone."

Redman says her spiritual life is strong. She takes part in drum circles every week and has gone through traditional healing processes such as sweats and fasts.

"We have to do the work — recognizing the pain, recognizing the loss. And as we get older, the Creator helps us. We can become whole human beings again." Forgiveness might be difficult, but healing is possible.

"As we get older we walk toward Western Door where we go out. All those people I have lost — my mother, sisters — get closer. And as we exit out of here, we're going to meet them.

"Now I understand how this all came to be, I can't blame my family that has suffered. What we do is pick up the pieces."

ASK MISS MARTLET

Find time to cook

Danielle Pope

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

Dear Miss Martlet:

What's the best way to quit "fast" food? I don't eat hamburgers and pizza all the time, but I'm too lazy to cook for myself.

- Given Up

Dear Given Up:

It's easy to slip into cruise control, throwing around cash for pre-made plates. But eating out can wear on wallets and widen waistlines.

When someone else prepares your food, you can never be entirely sure of what you're getting. A quick peek at the film Fast Food Nation might be enough to curb your habit.

If you feel like a change is needed, it's best to take it one step at a time. Start by making an extensive list of the foods you enjoy the most (it's always easier to maintain a habit when you like what you're doing). Next, narrow that list down to foods relatively easy to make. If your list just went from 60 to zero in three seconds flat, you might be in trouble — but it's not unbeatable.

A full-course turkey dinner is going to be hard to pull off with classes, homework and life. Instead, consider alternatives. Grab some precooked turkey from the deli, open a can of beans, throw a potato and some brussels sprouts in the microwave and mix a spoonful of powdered gravy with some water.

But it's not as much about finding quick alternatives or "easy" recipes as it is about committing yourself to them. If you're eating out every day of the week, pre-pick your least busy day for "home cook time," the same way you schedule your other activities. By prepping yourself ahead of time, you won't be faced with last-minute hunger choices.

Next, think about stocking your kitchen with speedy do-it-yourself meal ingredients (check out the Martlet's What's In Your Mouth? column for some recipe ideas.) Even if you have to start off with a peanut butter sandwich, it will ease you into the motions. The smaller the goal, the more you'll succeed and the more you'll inspire yourself to drive on. The rest is just repetition.

Believe it or not, once you start to rev up you'll find those whole-turkey-dinner ideas less and less intimidating. You may even begin looking forward to your own cooking capacity as you pave new goals for your growing skill set.

And let's face it: few things are quite as impressive as someone who knows how to air-flip an egg.

Got a question? Let Miss Martlet investigate. Query missmartlet@martlet.ca.

Pay artists to download

Alex Little

JENNIFER ZHOU PHOTO

Sound quality be damned — more Canadians want digital music.

Digital music sales are increasing in popularity faster in Canada than in the United States, according to Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems.

Numbers released in January reported sales of digital tracks in Canada last year increased 73 per cent, well ahead of the 45 per cent growth rate posted in the United States.

Digital album sales are up 93 per cent in Canada while south of the border they are up only 53 per cent.

With artists such as Radiohead getting much press for releasing their latest album first by download-only, the download industry has drawn itself into the spotlight.

The Canadian Music Creators Coalition, including Matthew Good, Broken Social Scene, Metric and The New Pornographers, are working to respond to this new demand. The coalition is striving to gain influence when it comes to Canadian copyright laws. They believe suing fans is destructive and hypocritical, digital locks are risky and counterproductive, and cultural policy should support actual Canadian artists.

At the end of last year, the coalition put their support behind a proposal from the songwriters and recording artists of Canada to make internet users pay for file sharing — a significant step in their struggle for recognition and agreement on the issue.

Based on recent figures, Canadians have shown a strong interest in music downloading, both legally and illegally. While nearly every recorded song is available through downloading websites, only about 3 million songs are available on legal sites.

Last month, the Songwriters Association of Canada proposed an amendment to the Copyright Act that would make it legal to share music between two or more parties. The proposal said each internet subscriber should pay a flat rate of $5 per month to compensate musicians that share their copyrighted music, which the Songwriters Association said would remove the stigma of illegal file sharing.

The Canadian Music Creators Coalition is behind the proposal and have stated that they "congratulate and endorse" the Songwriters Association and think that the "Canadian government should be facilitating discussion over the merits of this forward-thinking approach to file-sharing rather than introducing legislation that looks backwards to approaches that have already failed."

Whether or not the proposal is accepted, this will remain an important issue for Canadian songwriters, politicians and the public.

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ART ON CAMPUS

Student illustrator explores human character

Andrew Smith

"I believe that the human body is a vessel or a conduit for something and I am obsessively interested with how that energy copes with the vessel it is given," said Andrew Schick, a UVic visual arts student who finishes his degree this April.

These words seem cryptic at first. But looking at his latest exhibit, it becomes clear what he meant.

In his art Schick tries to encapsulate all the aspects of human character into his work. As the human body is forced to deal with aging, physical beauty, deformity, innocence and guilt, so does Schick's work. And he achieves this by focusing on the exaggeration, manipulation and abstraction of the human and animal figural form.

Schick has labeled himself an illustrator because of his keen attention to colour, form, composition, cultural reference and calculated amalgamation of styles, techniques and movement. His illustrative background stems from his teenage years in Horseshoe Bay, where teachers pushed him to develop his artistic abilities beyond the realm of basic illustration. Schick has worked with charcoal, conte, ink, watercolour, wood and wax, as well as Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator programs, constantly striving for higher artistic development.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Visual arts student Andrew Schick explores human subjects.

Schick demonstrated his latest exploration using gel to transfer ink illustrations onto a canvas. It's easy to be taken by the works in his studio. They match the limited colour choice with a focus on rendering simple emotions of the figures portrayed.

Schick often leaves his backgrounds blank, further emphasizing the subject matter. And much of that focus is on the expressions of the faces. The distortions he integrates are somewhat unnerving, and the deep blacks and reds portray a darker side to his work.

The "vessels" in his drawings and paintings feel alive. And the energy inside these conduits brings life to his work.

Schick's influences stem from the use of colour, composition and degraded text in the works of Robert Rauschenberg and Jack Lavine. Gustav Klimt, Matt Cipov and Mike Mignola are other artists that have inspired him to pursue his art.

"I believe my work is finished when I have distilled a moment, made a point, or raised an intelligently considered question," Schick said in a written statement.

His works have sold in auctions at UVic and have been used on T-shirts for bands such as The Lunar Riot and Cheers and the Belfry.

His body of work will be on display in the honours show in April, among with other graduating students in the visual arts department.

***The conduit* by Andrew Schick: pen and ink on paper.**

Mind over digital matter

Vaughn Turnbull
THE SHEAF

SASKATOON (CUP) — New technology will make it possible to play video games without moving a finger.

San Jose-based company NeuroSky's has produced a module called Think-Gear that has a dry sensor to read users' brain signals. This new technology uses electrodes attached to the head to read small electrical neural impulses generated by thoughts and mental states.

The module looks like a pair of headphones with a sensor on the end that touches the user's temple. It's the contact made between the temple and the sensor that allows the device to read and interpret brainwaves.

But NeuroSky only produces the hardware. It's up to other companies to apply it.

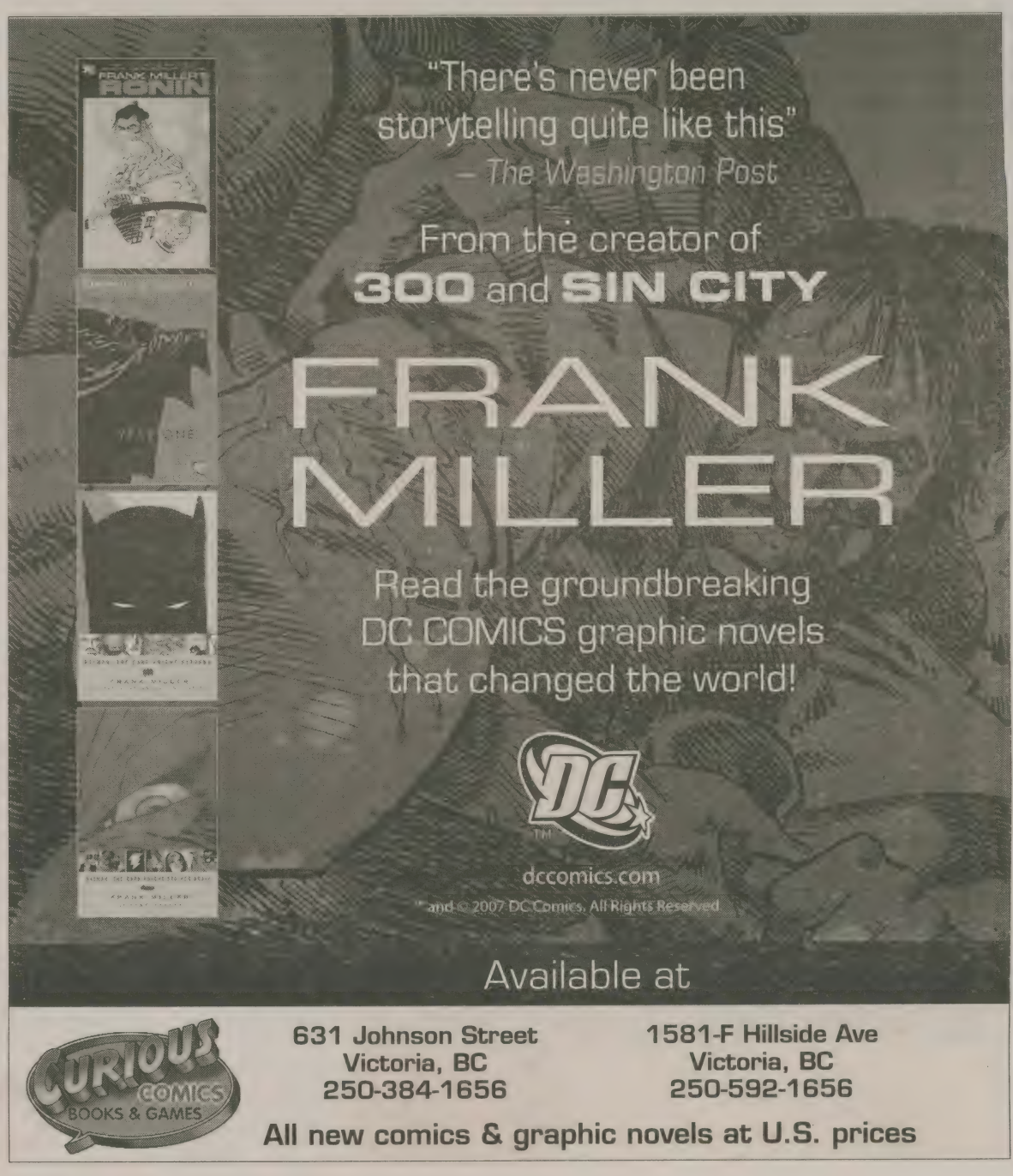
A team from Sega worked with NeuroSky to develop a video game that uses Think-Gear, consisting of a small virtual world filled with objects. The sensor measures both the attention and meditation of the user.

If the person exhibits a high level of attention on a certain object, they can push or pull it on the ground. A strong level of meditation allows the user to levitate objects and move them up and down.

Although it is very basic, the game is an amazing breakthrough. Despite being produced for entertainment, the potential for NeuroSky's technology is far-reaching. Already, companies such as OLogic have created robots that can be moved by focusing attention on them. This leads the way for fully thought-controlled robots and wheelchairs for the handicapped and elderly.

Many researchers studying attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are heralding the Neurosky game as a potential treatment tool for children with the condition.

NASA has also shown interest in creating mind-controllable robots for help astronauts who cannot perform tasks in bulky gloves.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Beat and behead St. Valentine

Feb. 14 may hold hearts throughout history but there are a few facts you should know

Kerissa M. Dickie

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Tired of feeling bad about Single Awareness Day? Consider making a few of your own new traditons. Throw a party for all your single friends, watch movies that scald love, or dig a hole to burn old those momentos.

Are you single and considering eating your weight in chocolate nougat this Feb. 14?

Even if you're a romantic idealist, there's probably at least a small part of you that wants to boycott Valentine's Day, bitch-slap anyone who mentions Cupid and t-bone the embracing couples monopolizing the sidewalk.

Who was this St. Valentine, and why do we let this day hold so much meaning? Here's the history and some options for enjoying the day — even without a Valentine.

Feb. 14 has its roots in Christian and ancient Roman tradition, as well as in the legends of at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus — all of whom were martyred.

One legend says Valentine was a priest put to death because he continued to perform marriages, even after emperor Claudius II outlawed it for belief that single men made better soldiers. Another suggests Valentine was killed for helping Christians escape from brutal Roman prisons.

The first Valentine's card was allegedly sent by the saint himself. While unlawfully imprisoned and awaiting execution, he sent letters to the woman he loved, signed "From your Valentine."

The truth may be a challenge to uncover, but St. Valentine has been deemed a heroic and romantic figure throughout history. Some believe Feb. 14 marks the anniversary of his death — possibly around AD 270.

In ancient Rome, Valentine's Day coincided with the beginning of spring and would often inspire the sacrifice of a goat for fertility or a dog for purification. The hides would then be cut into strips and used to slap women and crops to inspire fertility in both.

These women would put their names into an urn and await their Valentine. The man who picked their name would become their husband. In AD 498, Pope Gelasius made Valentine's Day official, but outlawed these practices as un-Christian.

During the Middle Ages in France and England, it was believed that Feb. 14 marked the beginning of the birds' mating season and thus became a day for romance. Perhaps UVic's love day should be dictated by when those frisky rabbits officially start getting it on.

The first mass-produced Valentine's Day cards were created way back in the 1840s. The Greeting Card Association now estimates that a staggering one billion cards are exchanged annually.

The sheer magnitude of circulated sentiments does make this a hard day to ignore.

> The American Greeting Card Corporaion now markets Anti-V Day cards along with the 2,500 they usually distribute for the day.

As children, we were forced to exchange quaint little cards with our friends and crushes (always a great way to reinforce the low self-esteem of unpopular kids).

We come to associate the day with hearts, chocolates and older kids French-kissing on the bus.

I grew my enormous ideals and believed Valentine's day would mean sitting in candlelight, sharing spaghetti Lady-and-the-Tramp-style, arms laden with roses and chocolate hearts.

Instead, my first love giggled as I opened up my present, my heart aflutter. The wrapping paper revealed a plaque inside: a picture of a cow standing in a field, with a speech bubble exclaiming "Eat more chicken!" I'm still traumatized.

In high school, my Valentine was secretly always my best friend. Both single, we'd send each other anonymous roses and chocolates, then ooh and aah over the imaginary suitors.

Once we were older and bitter, we began a tradition of anti-Valentine events: we'd rent movies that shit on romance, drink tequila and dig shallow pits in the dirt outside to burn mementos from past relationships.

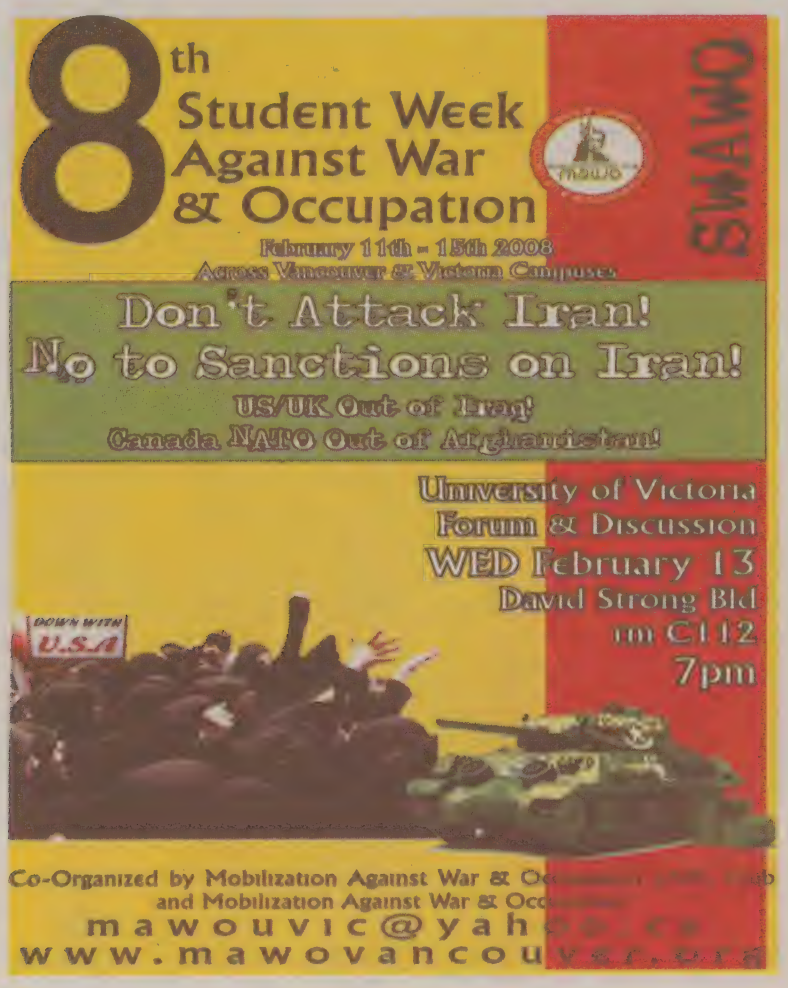
The American Greetings Corporation noticed the trend of these singles and girls nights, and started adding anti-V Day cards last year to the 2,500 they usually distribute for the day.

CafePress.com, which produces and sells T-shirts, offers over 20,000 anti-V Day designs and even holds annual contests for the best.

Slogans range from the dark "Saint Valentine was beaten and beheaded. Good idea," to the upbeat "Happy Singles Awareness Day!"

I've since learned to take the weight out of Valentine's Day. Not being Irish on St. Patrick's Day certainly doesn't make me feel like killing myself. Why should this be any different?

If you happen to be one of the millions of people who don't have a partner to celebrate with, make a movie or burning date with your friends, buy yourself some discounted chocolate on Feb. 14 or just take it for what it is — a regular freaking day.



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Sweet potatoes don't just taste good — they're high in vitamins too.

Sweet potatoes for sour studies

Jessica Salloum

Looking for one versatile vegetable? The sweet potato makes a great addition to almost any meal.

Sweet potatoes are one of the healthiest vegetables, providing plenty of fibre, vitamin A, potassium and antioxidants — pretty impressive for something that tastes like dessert.

They differ from yams in nutritional content (sweet potatoes win out) and flavour (yams are sweeter). Often, these two vegetables are mislabelled in grocery stores. While yams have a dark brown skin that resembles the bark of a tree and off-white, purple or red flesh, sweet potatoes have paler skin with a vivid yellow or orange flesh.

Store your potatoes in a cold, dark place and use them up within a few weeks. They can be cooked easily by first piercing the skin, then placing in a 375-degree oven for about an hour, by microwaving for about five minutes, or even by boiling until soft. Cooking them in their skin retains the most nutrients.

Here are three of the simplest, quickest recipes for enjoying sweet potatoes.

The first uses unpeeled slices of raw potato, while the next two call for cooked, diced potato.

Sweet Potato-Pineapple Mash

1 large sweet potato, cooked and diced
1/2 can pineapple tidbits

This simple dish is most easily prepared using a food processor, but tastes just as good mashed with a potato masher. Add potato and pineapple to a food processor, processing until it resembles mashed potatoes. Add juice from the pineapple can if a moister mash is desired. Serves two.

Sweet Potato Fries

1 large sweet potato
30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash and slice sweet potato into 1/2 cm slices and toss with other ingredients. Bake for 25-30 minutes, flipping halfway through cooking time, until soft. Thinner slices will yield crispier fries. You can also try experimenting with add-ins like rosemary-infused oil, cayenne pepper, or garlic, and serving them with mayonnaise. Serves two.

Sweet Potato Salad

1 large sweet potato, cooked and diced
medium red onion, sliced thinly
1 apple, cored and diced
1 lemon, juiced (approximately 30 ml)
30 ml (2 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
5 ml (1 tsp) honey

Toss lemon juice with diced apple. Gently mix in potato and onion. Whisk together vinegar, oil and honey, and toss over salad. Season with black pepper if desired. Serves two.

Pussy fundraiser a success

Emily Agopsowicz

There was plenty of pussy at Lucky Bar on Sat. Jan. 26.

The Pussy Cat Cabaret, part of a series of the Victoria Vagina Monologues fundraisers, was a titillating experience for the eyes and ears.

Victoria's own Cheesecake Burlesque Revue, singer NiQ and anti-folk duo Slut Revolver were among the performers, as well as a special piece from the upcoming Victoria Vagina Monologues directed by Jayde Farand.

Performers wore felicitous feline costumes and the audience was encouraged to dress up as well. Cat ears and tails with lace and high heels was the unabashed costume of choice. Hosted by the Cheesecake Burlesque's Kitten Kaboodle and Ricky Hard, the night kicked off with NiQ beautifully crooning "Dildos are Forever."

"This is a Vagina Monologues fundraiser but there's something you should know about burlesque — it's more about the boobies," Kitten Kaboodle reminded the audience.

And it was. Almost all performances by Cheesecake "kittens" ended with an anticipated seductive but tasteful tease of nipple tassels.

"[The event] was all about sexual empowerment and the celebration of sexual expression in a way that is non-shameful, empowering and fun. We decided to do this as confident adult women making the choice to express ourselves," said director Jayde Farand, who is a counsellor at the Victoria Women's Transition House Society. "Through events like this we can create a space for women and men to celebrate, appreciate and express their sexuality and sexiness — and have fun doing it."

A highlight of the night was a preview from this year's Victoria Vagina Monologues performed by Tara Paterson. She depicted Mistress Moan, a lawyer-turned-dominatrix who bemoaned the lack of moaning in corporate law. Whip in hand, she delighted in giving other women reason to moan, demonstrating the tortured zen moan, the machine gun, the yodel and the college student moan: "I... I... I... should be studying right now!"

Aside the performances, there was an orgasm contest, where contestants simulated the sounds of an orgasm of the opposite sex, as well as a bachelor auction and 50/50 draw.

Kevin Cross, the 50/50 winner, generously donated back his $350 winnings. The total amount raised that night was almost $3,000. A portion will go toward the Victoria charity Prostitute Empowerment Education Resource Society and the rest will go toward the upcoming Victoria Vagina Monologues.

Farand has worked with and conducted research on women's shelters for over five years. Her motivation for projects such as the Pussy Cat Cabaret and the Vagina Monologues stems largely from a need to raise awareness about violence in the community.

"I have come to see that many Victorians are either unaware or selectively ignorant to the fact that there are many women and children experiencing violence in their lives everyday. Here in Victoria, right now, there are women and children being sexually violated, beaten, demeaned and abused in unimaginable ways, in their homes and on the streets," said Farand. "Silence and ignorance perpetuate and allow this violence to continue."

> "There's something you should know about burlesque — it's more about the boobies,"
> *– Kitten Kaboodle*

The 10th Annual Victoria Vagina Monologues is part of the 2008 V-Day World Wide Campaign.

EMILY AGOPSOWICZ PHOTO

A performer from the Cheesecake Burlesque Revue raised the temperature at Lucky Bar on Jan. 26.

It will run Feb. 26 and 27 at the McPherson Playhouse with all proceeds going towards the Victoria Women's Transition House Society. For more information visit VDay Victoria.com.

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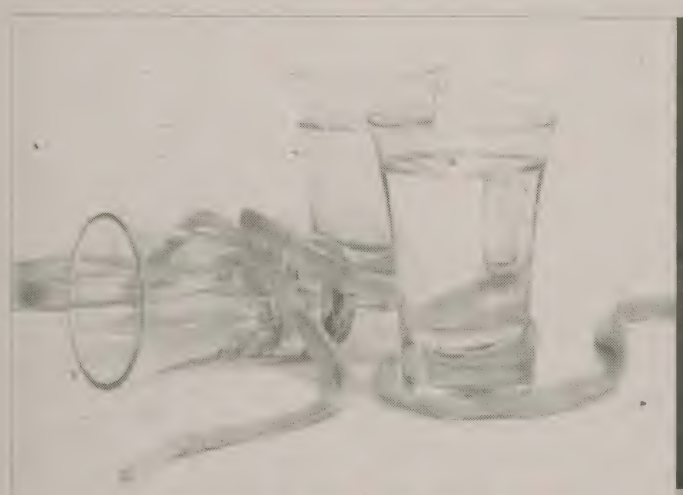

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Tips on getting that perfect tan

Lauren Connors
THE XAVERIAN WEEKLY

(CUP) — Planning to do a bit of tanning before that trip down south for reading break?

Be careful when you first start using those tanning beds. The tanning industry in Canada is not regulated. Owners of tanning salons do not have to tell you how long you should be in the bed for, and many will put you in for the maximum time allowed.

A warning: if this is your first time, be careful or you will burn. Burning not only slows down your tanning progress, but also causes the most damage to your skin and will increase your chances of getting skin cancer. Here are 10 tips that will help you get a great tan while avoiding the dangers.

1. Never start at the full time allowed.

If you burn easily on a normal summer day, start with six to eight minutes (especially if you have red hair or light skin). If you tan easily without burning, start with eight to 10 minutes. Unfortunately, most tanning salons don't let you pay per minute. If you're concerned for your health, pay the fee and ask to be put in the bed for the time recommended above.

2. Know how the bed works.

If they don't tell you, ask. Some beds are automatically set for the maximum time limit and it is up to you to reduce that. Remember, burning slows down your progress.

3. Tan only once every two days.

The full effects of your tan are not realized for about 48 hours, which means you will not know if you have burned until at least the next day. If you don't burn after your initial tan at the starting time recommended above, then increase your next tanning time by two minutes. Keep this pattern going until you build your way up to the maximum time allowed. This may take at least two weeks.

4. Do not expect to tan in one trip to the salon.

Or for that matter, even a week of trips. And don't be disappointed when you don't get results after two or three trips — it takes time.

5. Realize that some beds are hotter than others.

They may have a maximum time that's below the standard beds, however. Start at a short time for these (three to four minutes) or else you will fry.

6. If you burn, do not tan for at least a week.

Always give your skin a chance to heal.

7. Wear the goggles provided.

Just closing your eyes or putting a towel on your face will not do the trick. If you have your eyes closed and can see your hand in front of your face, your eyes are not safe. Those goggles are designed to protect you, so use them.

8. Your skin needs moisture and oxygen to tan.

The creams sold at the salons are not necessary; normal skin cream will work fine. However, the ones at the salons tend to have an accelerator in them and/or a bronzer.

9. If you feel yourself burning, get out of the bed.

When your skin is tingling, it is probably burning. It would be best to stop tanning for that session and reduce your tanning time during your next trip to the salon.

10. Tanning can be a relaxing experience.

Be safe, protect yourself, and happy tanning.

WILLIE LI PHOTO

Whether outside or in, take steps to make sure your skin tans safely this reading break.

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2. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
   a. Agenda of 08/02/14 SAGM
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
   a. Minutes of 07/10/25 AGM
5. **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Motion to amend Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3 – Director Absences
BIRT Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3 be amended to read as follows:

10.2 Leaves of Absence
Directors shall be permitted to take leaves of absence for a maximum of one (1) semester per term of office to facilitate co-op, work, or any school related activity that removes the Director from the Greater Victoria area.

10.3 Absences from Board of Directors' Meetings
With the exception of leaves of absence, as outlined in Bylaw 10.2, a Director who has missed four (4) regularly scheduled Board meetings with or without regrets throughout her term of office, except in the case of illness or emergency, shall be considered to have resigned.

i. Written warning shall be provided to a Director upon missing the third meeting.

ii. The Director shall be considered to have resigned upon adjournment of the first meeting missed after having received written warning.

iii. Resignation shall be communicated to the Director in writing.

Motion to provide notice of committee meetings
WHEREAS the UVSS holds several Open Committees with the intention of including any UVic student who wishes to attend; and

WHEREAS these Open Committees hold regularly scheduled meetings led by a member of the Board; therefore

BIRT all UVSS Open Committees provide clear written notice of meeting times and locations at least three (3) working days in advance of each meeting, clearly visible within the Student Union Building, and outside the Resource Centre; and

BIFRT the UVSS website be continually updated to provide these Open Meeting times and locations as they becomes available.

6. **REPORTS**
   a. **Board of Directors Report**
   Motion to adopt the report of the Board of Directors
   BIRT the February 2008 report of the Board of Directors be adopted as presented.
   b. **Directors at Large and Advocacy Representatives Reports**
   Motion to adopt the reports of the Directors at Large and Advocacy Representatives
   BIRT the reports of the Directors at Large and Advocacy Representatives be adopted as presented.
7. **QUESTION PERIOD** (limit 30 minutes)
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
9. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Hirayama forces Bayside to the wayside

Andrew Smith

A resilient Vikes men's rugby squad rallied back from an aggressive Bayside Sharks attack to capture their second straight win in the CDI Premier League, beating the Sharks 28-15 on Feb. 2.

UVic was shorthanded once again, with eight players away at the National Sevens tournament. Nathan Hirayama, the youngest Canadian player in the World Cup, was key in the Vikes win, making big kicks to keep his team in the game.

Much of the play in the opening minutes found the home side in their own half fending off an onslaught of determined Sharks. The Vikes found themselves down 10-3 early in the game. UVic coach Doug Tate said that his team seemed taken aback.

"We weren't ready for the physical nature [Bayside] brought to the game," said Tate.

Bayside's physicality didn't hold up, however. As penalties were given away, the Sharks frustration became more apparent. Two Bayside players, Adam Van Stavern and Jon Thiel, were penalized with yellow cards.

The Vikes were able to hold off the attack with clutch kicking from Hirayama keeping the ball out of the danger zone. The UVic pack was well supported and their efforts were rewarded with a try from scrum half Jamie Mackenzie.

Hirayama successfully converted the extra two points for a score of 13-10. After finding their rhythm the Vikes were able to break through the Bayside defence once again, allowing Thomas McKeen to go over for another five UVic points.

The second half was much of the same story, with Bayside appearing weathered and their attack breaking down. The Sharks only managed to score one more try.

The Bayside attack was dismantled by strong tackling from the UVic back line and Hirayama's kicking. His long punts pushed the Vikes into a strong offensive position. Tate said that Hirayama broke down the Bayside momentum.

Bayside's frustrations and exhaustion were evident. The Sharks continued to give away more penalties and failed to generate any offence. Their aggression off the ball created unnecessary penalties as their players collapsed on the pitch with cramping leg muscles.

As the match neared its end, Vike John Moonlinght barreled through a flustered Bayside line for another five points. Hirayama converted, earning his 13th point of the game.

UVic has a week off before travelling to Vancouver to face the Rowers on Feb. 16.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO
UVic's Nathan Hirayama takes aim for a kick during a game on Feb. 2.

Student lives his sports dream through co-op

Will Johnson

When Chandler Grieve applied for the co-op program three years ago, he didn't know he would be standing in front of 7,000 cheering baseball fans in tight leather pants and a flamboyant Mexican costume. But during his internship with the Vancouver Canadians baseball team, that's exactly what happened.

Now in his fourth year, the physical education student was originally leaning toward a degree in history but decided to switch over after learning about the co-op aspect of the recreation and health program at UVic.

"I can't say enough about the program," Grieve said. "I feel like I'll have four great experiences on my resumé and I'll have a leg-up over other students."

Currently, Grieve is working on an ambitious project for the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, which has partnered with the UVic Vikes. As assistant to Brent Dobbie, the development officer for the Vikes, Grieve has spent hours going through archives — scanning photos, compiling statistics and working toward creating an online database.

"It will have every player that's ever played for the Vikes, when they played [and] how many national championships they won," he said.

Grieve received funding from a Student Learning Internship Program grant, a fund developed by the UVic co-op program. The database project is scheduled to be finished at the end of February and Grieve is continuing to work on it while taking classes.

This semester he is also working with Mike Tucker, the communications officer for the Vikes, writing game previews and compiling statistics. Though this position is not directly related to his co-op internship, Grieve found it through networking with his current supervisors.

> "I love sports, I live for sports, it's what I want to do with my life."
>
> *– Chandler Grieve, fourth-year phys ed student*

Not all of Grieve's co-op placements were easy though. For his position with the Vancouver Canadians, he would arrive at 9 a.m. and not leave until 11 p.m.. The money wasn't fantastic, but Grieve believes the experience was worth it.

"I got to learn how a professional baseball team is run," he said.

And they have all allowed him to work in an area he's always been passionate about. Grieve has been playing sports since high school and currently plays on a UVic intramural football team that has won four championships in a row.

"We're called the Flanucks," he explained. "Half the guys are from Calgary, the other half from Vancouver."

Eventually Grieve wants to turn his passion and co-op experience into a career by getting into sports media and broadcasting.

"I love sports, I live for sports, it's what I want to do with my life," he said. "I'm just glad I got the chance to make it happen."

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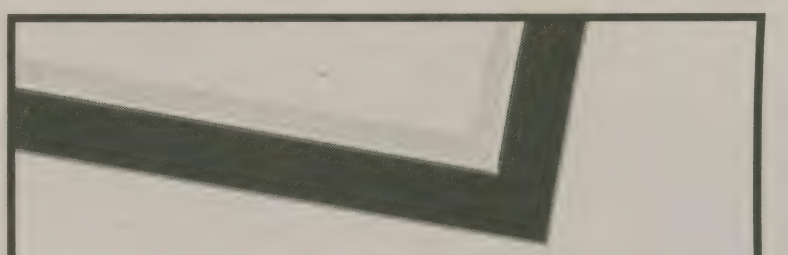

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Victory over Huskies secures playoff spot

Nathan Lowther

The UVic women's basketball team muscled their way into the playoffs with a 69-64 win over the visiting Saskatchewan Huskies on Feb. 1.

The Vikes dominated the boards, out-rebounding Saskatchewan 42-21 to overcome a 1-11 performance from the field by the usually dependable Ryan McKay. The Vikes 15-4 advantage on the offensive glass made the difference.

"They got way too many easy putbacks," said Huskies coach Lisa Thomaidis. "I thought for the most part we handled their perimeter game OK. Their second-chance points really hurt us tonight."

The way the game started, it didn't look like UVic would need any second chances. With one win needed out of their last four games to clinch a spot in the Pacific Division playoffs, and having lost their previous three, the Vikes stormed out to an 11-0 lead off of strong play down low by Kayla Dykstra and Janet Hatfield. Dykstra led the team with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

But the Huskies started running, and clawed back by cutting through the heart of the Vikes defence for some easy layups. The first quarter ended with UVic up 21-17.

The Vikes were sloppier in the second quarter. Saskatchewan's aggressive zone defence created 10 first-half turnovers and held McKay, who came into the night averaging a team-best 19.7 points per game, to 13 points, 11 of which came from the line.

Vikes coach Brian Cheng wasn't surprised to see his team win despite McKay's poor shooting.

"We're not one player; we're not a one person show," said Cheng.

Less than a minute into the second quarter, the Huskies tied the game at 21. They continued to find weaknesses in the Vikes defence and opened up a six point lead. Amy Prokop, who ended the first half with six points, three assists, and three steals, led the charge for Saskatchewan.

"If we could have kept them off the boards it wouldn't have been a game," said Prokop.

But the Huskies couldn't finish the quarter the way they started. Ashley Yee, who finished with 15 points, netted some acrobatic layups, putting the Vikes back on top. UVic's final possession of the half saw them pull down four offensive boards before finally scoring to take a 32-29 lead into the break.

The third quarter belonged to Yee, who capitalized on six Saskatchewan turnovers to create offensive chances for UVic. Although the Huskies kept yipping at the Vikes' heels, they would trail the rest of the game. They managed to pull within one in the fourth quarter, but the Vikes presence in the paint managed to keep the dogs at bay.

On Feb. 2, the Vikes took on the University of Alberta Pandas at McKinnon Gym. UVic was able to overcome a 10-point half-time deficit but it wasn't enough to topple the number-four ranked Pandas. Alberta took a 86-81 overtime win.

The Vikes end their regular season play on the road, visiting the University College of the Fraser Valley on Feb. 7 and Thompson Rivers University on Feb. 9.

AHMED MUMENI PHOTO

Vikes guard Ashley Yee looks for the pass during a game on Feb. 1.

Weak performance seals second place fate

Gavin Day

The Vikes men's basketball team will finish the regular season in second place in the Pacific Division behind the UBC Thunderbirds after an uninspired 64-56 loss to the Saskatchewan Huskies on Feb. 1.

UVic made an inauspicious start, turning the ball over on most of their early possessions. They spotted the Huskies an early 5-1 lead before Mitch Gudgeon scored UVic's first field goal three-and-a-half minutes into the first quarter. UVic's free-throw shooting has been questionable at times this year, but a six-of-eight performance from the line was the main reason behind their 15-14 lead after the first quarter.

Saskatchewan's tight zone defence proved to be a challenge for the Vikes. This physical style resulted in numerous trips to the line for the Vikes but some reckless fouls and turnovers allowed the Huskies to establish the tempo of the first half. In the first half UVic had 11 turnovers, most of which led to Husky baskets. Fifth-year Huskies guard Kyle Grant capitalized on UVic's mistakes, scoring 15 points in the first half. Grant ended the game with 20 points and six rebounds. Mitch Gudgeon scored for the Vikes with two minutes remaining in the half to end a 13-0 Husky run. Heading into the locker rooms, the Huskies led 35-24.

Vikes coach Craig Beaucamp was direct in his analysis of his team's first-half effort.

"Right from the get-go we were very poor. Our decision making was very poor," Beaucamp said.

The Huskies defensive pressure continued to lead to fouls in the second half. But the Vikes reverted to their old habits, missing their first three shots from the charity stripe in the third quarter. Halfway through the third, with the Huskies leading 49-33, the Vikes started to get their act together. Tyler Hass stole the ball and went in for an uncontested slam. That basket sparked both the team and the dormant crowd back to life and the Vikes played on that momentum to claw back, narrowing the deficit to 54-45 at the end of the third.

Fifth-year Vikes forward Rob Kinnear hit a three to open the fourth quarter, carrying over the momentum that his team had built in the second half of the third. For the rest of the game, the Huskies tight defence forced the Vikes to force up shots that they weren't used to. UVic was given numerous lifelines in the final two minutes when the Huskies repeatedly turned the ball over, but the Vikes missed shots and free throws down the stretch. The Vikes managed to narrow the gap in the final frame, but the hole they had dug themselves in the first half was too big to overcome.

Hass led the Vikes with 15 points and three assists, but he was also responsible for six of the Vikes' 20 turnovers.

Beaucamp said Saskatchewan didn't bring their best game, even though they won.

"I'd like to say they played well," he said. "But with the 33 turnovers they committed, this wasn't close to their best effort. It just highlights how poorly we played."

Bears steal win from UVic

Gavin Day

The UVic men's basketball team hoped to rebound against the University of Alberta Golden Bears on Feb. 2 after a disappointing showing against the University of Saskatchewan the previous night. But the Bears were able to hang on for a 60-58 victory.

The match was closer than UVic's 60-52 loss when the teams last met in October at the Guy Vetrie Memorial Tournament.

Before the game, forward Rob Kinnear was honoured as the lone graduating member from the men's team. Janet Hatfield and Ryan McKay, the two fifth-year players on the women's team, were also recognized for their time with the Vikes.

Coach Craig Beaucamp made a few changes to his usual starting lineup, inserting Mike Hull and Cyril Indone in place of Mitch Gudgeon and Brandon Dunlop.

The energy level was high off the opening tip-off, with neither team being able to settle down and establish a flow. The score remained tight for the opening quarter with Alberta holding a slim 17-16 lead. The Vikes went to their bench early as Dunlop, Gudgeon and Jeff Cullen all saw minutes on the floor in the opening frame.

Strong defence by both teams led to a similar second quarter. UVic had 29.6 per cent field goal shooting in the first half compared to 42.4 per cent from the Golden Bears.

For Alberta, the man to watch was fifth-year guard Alex Steele. He led the Golden Bears with 27 points. At the half, Alberta was leading 32-24.

At halftime, another special ceremony honoured the 1957-58 Victoria College Viking team that won the national championship. A banner was raised, with nine team members on hand for the ceremony.

The third quarter was another low-scoring affair, with Tyler Hass providing the highlights. In the span of 15 seconds, Hass scored an impressive put-back slam over top of an Alberta defender, then blocked a shot on Bear's ensuing possession.

By the end of the third, the Vikes had made a small dent in Alberta's lead. The score was 43-36.

The offence came to life in the final quarter. After scoring only 12 points in the third, the Vikes upped the tempo with 17 points in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter. With six minutes remaining, Rob Kinnear nailed a three-point jump shot to knot the game at 51.

The Vikes were able to tie the score on several occasions but the Golden Bears always had an answer, and hung on for the win. UVic's free-throw shooting let them down again in the final minutes. Beaucamp did see some positives in the team's performance.

"We battled today," he said. "We played hard and competed hard. We didn't make every shot, but sometimes you have to hit rock bottom before you can bounce back."

The Vikes will finish the regular season with a road trip, playing the University College of the Fraser Valley on Feb. 7 and Thompson Rivers University on Feb. 9.

Tennis team takes title on home turf

Torrie Coste

Members of UVic's tennis team showcased their skills on Feb. 1 and 2, beating the University of Oregon in the finals of the six-team UVic Invitational Tournament.

The multi-venue event began on Feb. 1 with preliminary rounds at Oak Bay and Cedar Hill rec centres. UBC, Simon Fraser, Western Washington University, and Oregon State University rounded out the field. The co-ed tournament was based on World TeamTennis rules. Each match consists of nine mini-matches — two of men's singles and two doubles, two of women's singles and two doubles, and a set of mixed doubles. The score is determined by the number of sets won.

The UVic squad cemented their place in the semi-finals against UBC after defeating Simon Fraser 7-2 and Oregon State 8-1.

UVic captain Daniel McCombe and doubles partner Rob Fuhrman emerged as the two loudest players on the courts, accenting good play with shouts of "Yes! Let's go!" The pair squeaked out a three-set victory over UBC, winning 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

"I'm just serving well, surprisingly enough," said Fuhrman. "If it goes in the court, good enough for me."

Fuhrman also won his singles match, overwhelming UBC's Fraser Perry 6-1, 6-1.

"I can't really say much," Perry said. "[Fuhrman] is a good player. He's more consistent than me."

But UBC's strong female players captured victories in all four women's semi-final matches, leaving UVic down 4-2.

UVic mixed doubles pairing of Josh Coutts and Anna Curcin got the comeback rolling, winning 6-4, 6-4. After a quick win in the second men's doubles, the stage was set for a deciding match, with UBC's Evan Huang against McCombe.

McCombe, forced to use a teammate's racquet after three sets of his strings were broken, said the turning point of the match was when his teammates congregated at his court, urging him to victory and a place in the finals. McCombe came from behind to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, securing UVic a berth in the final against the University of Oregon.

In the final, UVic dropped all the women's matches by close margins, with Curcin and Manuela Arnold losing in a third set tiebreaker 6-3, 4-6, 6-7. Arnold lost by identical scores in her singles match.

UVic's male lineup was boosted by the arrival of Matt Vaulkard, who provided his team with their first win in his doubles match with Fuhrman, defeating Oregon's top pair 7-6, 6-3.

Vaulkhard, a former NCAA Division II player, took his game to another level when he took on Oregon's Andrew Pritchard in one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. Pritchard, a former NCAA Division I player, proved a challenge for UVic's most dominant male player. But Vaulkhard pulled through with a thrilling two-set victory, extending his season-long unbeaten streak to 11-0.

The final round came down to a deciding match, with both teams tied at four wins each and only the mixed doubles game left to be played. Coutts and Curcin played their best tennis of the weekend, winning the match — and the tournament — 7-6, 6-4.

"Overall, the quality of the tournament has been really high," said John Meldrum, a UVic professor and former tennis coach.

UVic's next task is a tournament in California later this month.

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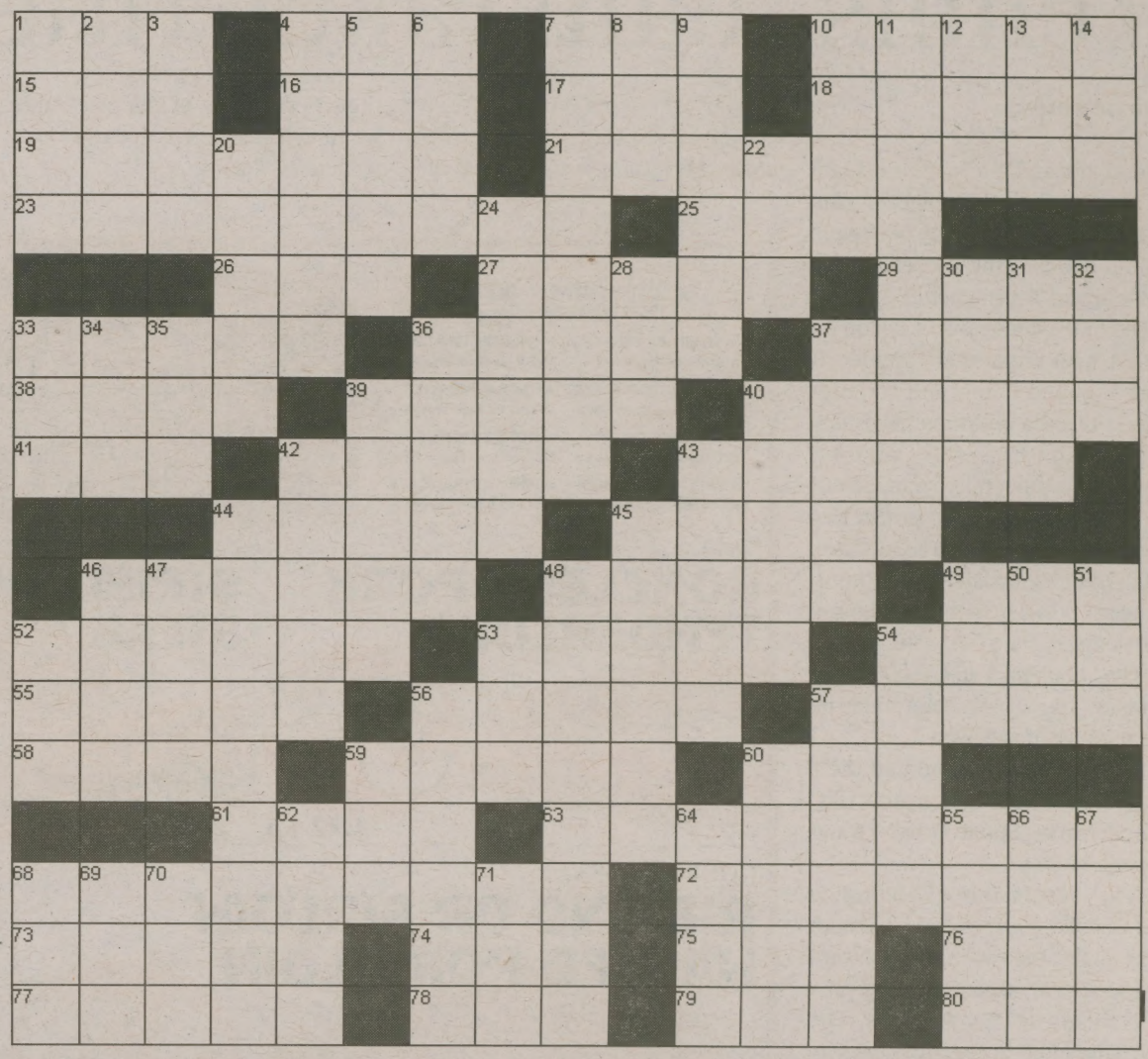

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19 Novel
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23 Still procrastinating... (2 wds.)
25 Attractive, to Ludacris
26 Cheer, in Valencia
27 Ivy leaguer
29 Court order
33 Make parallel
36 Aluminium producer
37 Race judge, sometimes
38 Eye part
39 Casted
40 Appeared
41 God of the woods
42 Cake portion
43 Send forth (2 wds.)
46 Scrape
48 Dog's threat
49 Racer's wheels
52 Ruminates
53 Pomme de ____
54 Hay unit
55 Let
56 City of ill repute
57 Computer part
58 Makes doilies
59 Demon
60 School subj.
61 Scottish hillside
63 Still procrastinating... (2 wds.)
68 Still procrastinating... (2 wds.)
72 Religious war
73 Verdi compositions
74 Sailor
75 Ardent
76 Tailor's concern
77 Overflows
78 ____ Girl Friday
79 Snake eyes number
80 Match (in cards)

44 & 45 Still procrastinating

Down

1 Church session
2 Bad orchard location?
3 Casa ____
4 Aggravate
5 Speak flatulently
6 Kosher eatery
7 Teenager's plight (2 wds.)
8 Gold, to Pedro
9 Coastal bird
10 Play first
11 Act without restraint
12 Holiday decoration
13 Outback animal
14 Stimpy's companion
20 Desktop features
22 Cry of disgust
24 Just ____ (2 wds.)
28 Straggle
30 Actress Downey Jr.
31 List constituent
32 Wool weight
33 Swiss peak
34 Meadow
35 Hostel
36 Linda Lavin sitcom
37 Jeopardy
39 Runner crafts
40 Lock eyes
42 Oak product
43 Insincere flattery
44 Construction plank
45 Join the army
46 Euclidean measure
47 Bluenose, for ex.
48 Some Casanovas
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52 Order at 6 down
53 Moreover
54 Philistines
56 Sword's cover
57 Insignificant
59 Prank
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62 A Supreme
64 Canyon sound
65 Louts
66 Comic pooch
67 Apportion
68 Tank
69 Fury
70 Live and let ____
71 French month

LOOK-ALIKES

Tracy Ho, UVic Students' Society chairperson

Sandra Oh, who plays Christina Yang on *Grey's Anatomy*

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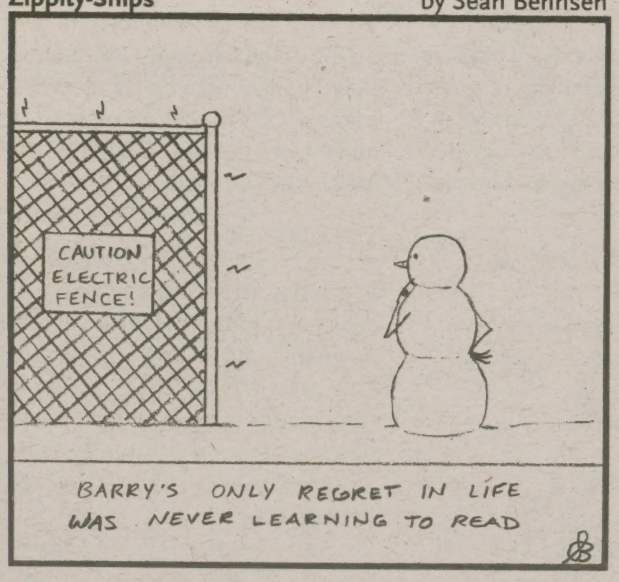

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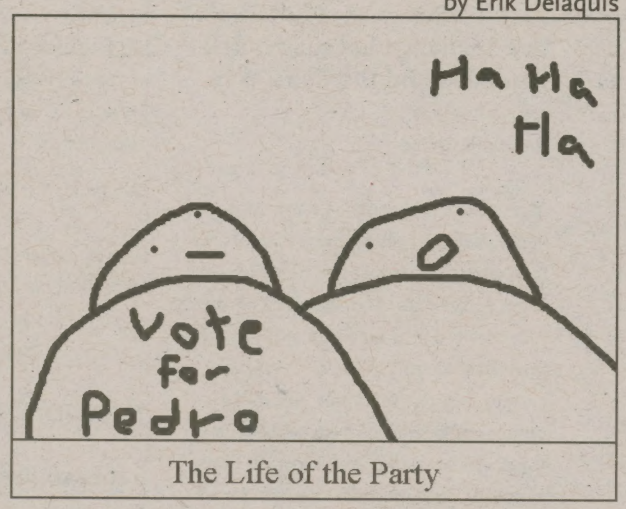

The Life of the Party

CITIZENS PROFOUND by Joe darius

HEY ANDREW, WANNA DO SOMETHING?
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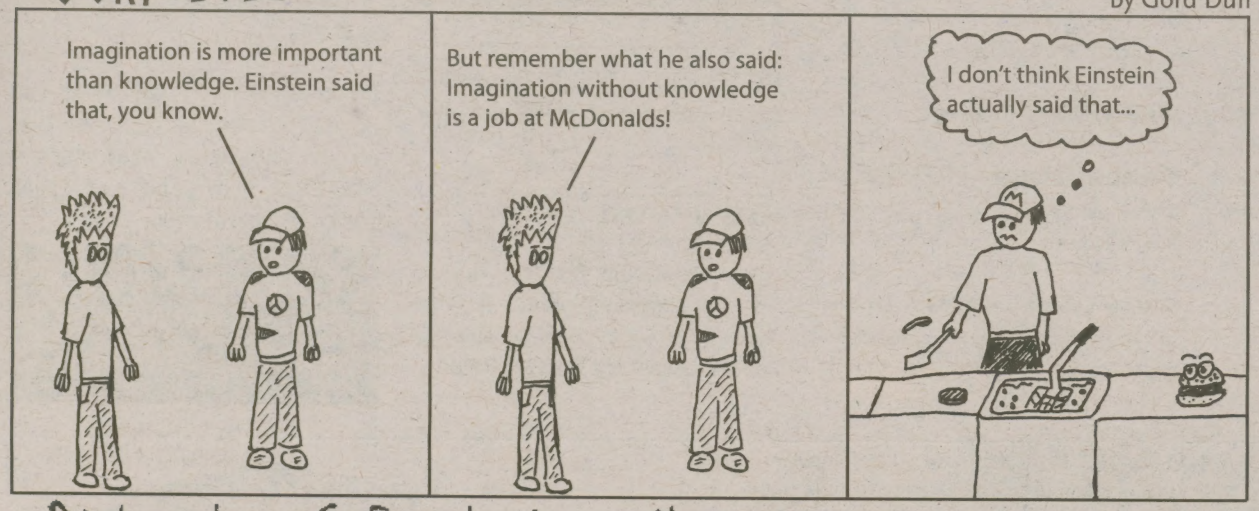
NAH...SOMETHING TELLS ME THE ARTIST HAS GOTTEN WAY TOO LAZY.

CORP EVIL by Gord Duff


Imagination is more important than knowledge. Einstein said that, you know.
But remember what he also said: Imagination without knowledge is a job at McDonalds!
I don't think Einstein actually said that...

Dishwasher Safe by Lucas Hansen

Red Rider Comics by Liam Kiemele - web.uvic.ca/~liamk

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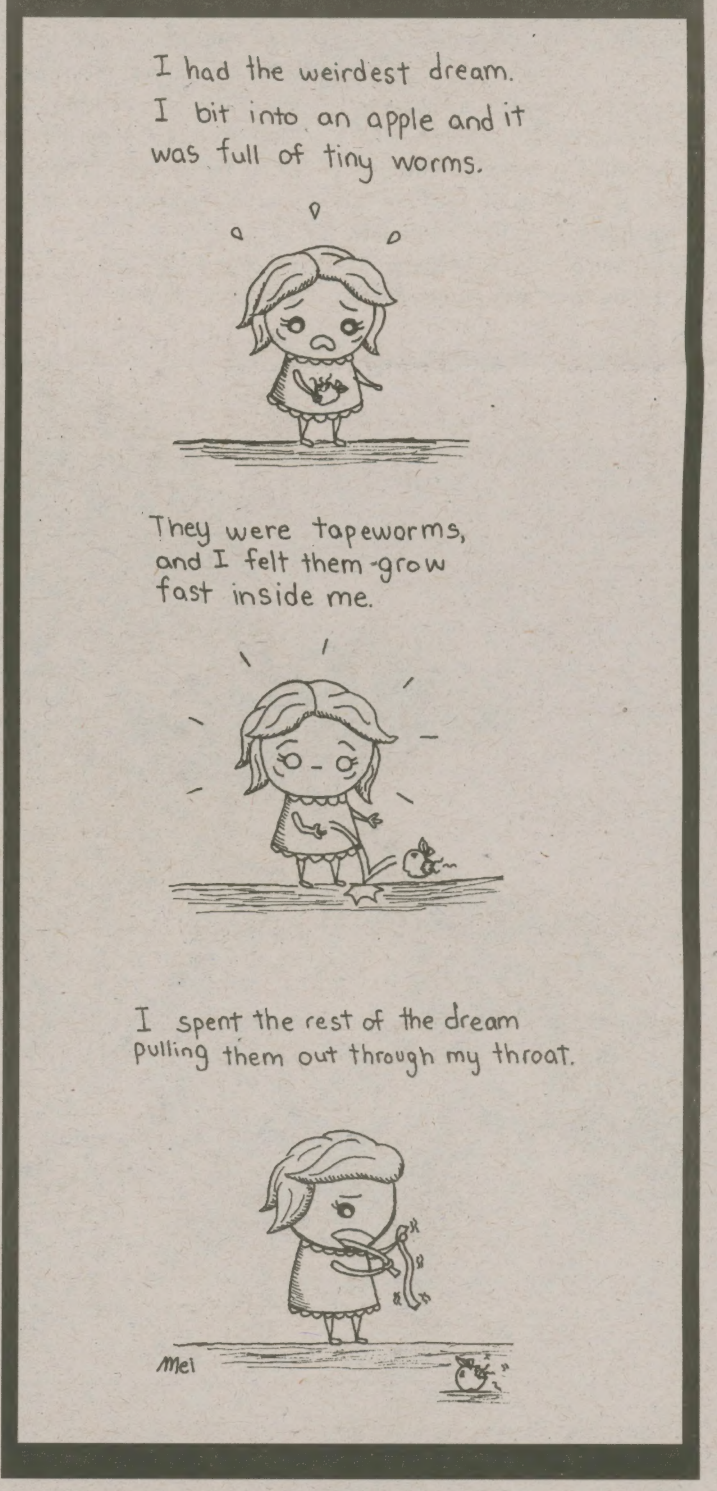
Meicom by Mary Karaplis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Fee: $9.00
Info: (250) 389-0444
http://www.victoriafilmfestival.com

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Lecture/Seminar - Anthropology Colloquium by Andrea Kiehle: Condom Use Perceptions and Patterns in Karare, an Ariaal Rendille Community in Northern Kenya

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Cornett B143

For over two decades, members of academia and health-related fields have battled against the transmission and spread of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. Yet in 2004, twenty-five million people were reported as HIV positive, with young people having the highest incidence. Research has shown consistent condom use, even amongst a small population, can reduce the spread of HIV. However, African sexual behavior studies show consistent reluctance to use condoms.

Pricing: Free
Info: alalonde@uvic.ca

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Film - "Charlotte's Web"

12:30 - 2:10 p.m.
Student Union Building, Cinecenta

97 min; rated G
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Fee: $3.75
Info: http://www.cinecenta.com

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

Chinese New Year & 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Noon – 4:00 p.m.
Chinatown and downtown

The Chinese New Year celebration kicks off the 150th Chinese Anniversary Celebrations on Feb. 10. Take in cultural group performances including folk dances, kung fu demos, Tai Chi, Chinese opera, Chinese musical instruments performances; dragon and lion dancers and historical photo displays.

Fee: Free
Info: (250) 382-7352

MONDAY, FEB. 11

Lecture/Seminar - Contemplative Sexuality: Love, Sex, Relationships and the Third Way

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Interfaith Chapel

In a culture where sex is commodified to sell everything from staplers to sports cars, marriages break up as often as they last and the story of love is presented in 90-minute Hollywood formulas, we might be forgiven for a certain degree of despair. But in the context of faith and mystery there is a third way of seeing and knowing that allows us to remember the wonder of sexuality. Through this lens, the beauty and power of living our lives as people called to connect to each other, the Earth, and Ultimate Reality is made manifest. Ernest Morrow is currently serving as the Anglican Chaplain at the University of Victoria and is also a trained Montessori teacher. In addition, he facilitates groups exploring sexuality and love from a faith-based perspective.

Fee: Free
Info: Henri Lock
chaplain@uvic.ca

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Theatre - Lionel - PREVIEW

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Phoenix Theatre

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Info: Phoenix Theatre Box Office
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THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Pancake Breakfast

8:00 - noon
Student Union Building, Michele Pujol Room

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